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NEW SLANT ON ITALO-FRENCH DISPUTE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS ALLEGEDLY THAT MUSSOLINI SOME TIME AGO ACTUALLY ASKED FRANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that if he is rebuffed, Mussolini can return to the Rome-Berlin Axis, saying that that is the only practical line to take.

In Paris, "Le Petit Parisien" says that France asks nothing. If Rome thinks that talks are necessary, she knows what to do.

"Populaire" speaks of Mussolini as Hitler's favourite pupil.

Meanwhile, in Rome yesterday, excited crowds continued to demonstrate against France, shouting "Nice and Savoy as well as Tunisia."

C.N.A.C. PLANE IN ACCIDENT AT KUNMING

Kunming, To-day.

A C.N.A.C. plane which was taking off last evening for Chungking suffered slight damage when it crashed in taking off.

The under-carriage and wing were damaged but there were no casualties among the crew and passengers.—Our Own Correspondent.

No More Free Trips To Canton: Jap. Order

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ORIGINALLY INTENDING TO BEAR ALL COSTS OF CONVEYING CHINESE BACK TO CANTON FROM HONG KONG AND MACAO, BY CHARTERING VESSELS FOR TRIPS BETWEEN CANTON AND THE BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE COLONIES, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED ITS POLICY AND NOW ALL PASSENGERS WILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR OWN PASSAGE FEES.

Poland Rushes Air And Land Defence Measures

London, To-day.
Reports from the Continent of growing agitation over Poland in German political circles and in the inspired Nazi press, have led to fears in London that Poland is next on Hitler's list.

All signs point to a repetition of the campaign (stirring up the feelings of the German population who are only allowed to see one side of the picture) which has preceded all Hitler's conquests. Well-informed circles predict the presentation to Poland in the near future of a series of demands based on Danzig and the Polish Corridor.

That Poland has no intention of going the way of Czechoslovakia is seen by the announcement in Warsaw yesterday of an internal loan of £48,000,000 to strengthen the air force and A.R.P.

1,500,000 MOBILISED

More and more reservists are being called to the Colours in Poland, and it is reliably stated that over 1,500,000 men are now under arms.

The special security measures (says Trans-Ocean) are being carried out with all secrecy.

Polish newspapers are forbidden to reveal or comment upon troop movements and mobilisation measures, and foreign press correspondents have been instructed not to report on the military situation or to make mention of rumours.

Meanwhile, leading the agitation against Germany is the Polish Ex-Service's Organisation.

MUST BE FORTRESS

Yesterday, the organisation passed a resolution stating:

"Poland is the only barrier to the Nazi march to the east, and complete union of all parties under the President and Commander-in-Chief is urgently needed.

"Poland must be a fortress and every man must have his rifle in hand to defend our country."

When foreign newsmen asked for an official statement in Warsaw yesterday, the Government spokesman said:

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CHINESE BULLION FOR U.S.A.

Shanghai, To-day.
Reports from Manila state that gold and silver amounting to \$20,000,000 is being loaded onto an American liner in the Philippines port.

The bullion, it is understood, is being shipped by the Chinese Government to the United States.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI TROOPS MASS ON SWISS BORDER

London, To-day.
Heavy German troop concentrations are reported to be taking place in Wurttemberg and Bavaria, in South Germany.

This is according to the Geneva correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," who says that Swiss military circles are much worried.

A radio appeal to Switzerland was made yesterday to keep calm and not to believe sensational rumours.

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HUNGARIANS AND SLOVAKS NEGOTIATE AND FIGHT

TALKS OPEN WHILE NEW INVASION OCCURS

Bratislava, To-day.

Hungarian irregulars and free corps units are reported yesterday to have entered Slovakia across the southern frontier at Medzey, where they are attempting to occupy frontier villages.

At the same time, fighting on the eastern frontier of Slovakia is reported to be subsiding.

Negotiations to settle outstanding questions between Hungary and Slovakia began at midday. — Reuter.

AIR RAID DEAD

A Budapest message from Trans-Ocean says that the total losses of Hungarian troops and civilians at Ungvar in consequence of the Slovak air raids on March 23 and 24, were 23 killed and 55 wounded. Fourteen houses were destroyed.

During military operations in the past few days, Hungarian troops are said to have captured 360 Slovak and 261 Czech soldiers.

FIRST MEETING

The Slovak Secretary in the Foreign Office headed the Slovakian delegation which arrived in Budapest yesterday morning for the negotiations to settle the frontier between Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine.

BISHOP STIRS PASSIONS IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY. A CONSIDERABLE STIR HAS BEEN AROUSED FOLLOWING THE READING OF A PASTORAL LETTER BY THE BISHOP OF LIEGE IN THE DISTRICTS OF EUPEN AND MALMEDY, CEDED TO BELGIUM BY GERMANY AFTER THE GREAT WAR.

The Bishop warned the population against Nazi candidates and racial theories in the coming elections.

Following the Bishop's announcement, demonstrations occurred in several Roman Catholic churches.

In one church the congregation walked out, and outside another church a crowd collected and demonstrated.

JAPS. ARREST N.Y.K. EMPLOYEES

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reliably learned that over 100 Chinese employees have been detained by the Japanese military authorities following the outbreak of the mysterious fire at the N.Y.K. godowns last week.

The arrested men have not yet been released and their fate is unknown. — Our Own Correspondent.

CHINESE TROOPS CARRY OUT SUCCESSFUL WITHDRAWAL AT NANCHANG

Shanghai, To-day.

Nanchang, provincial capital of Kiangsi, was entered for the first time in the past 800 years by enemy armed forces late last night, when the Japanese, after crossing the river under cover of an artillery bombardment, marched into the city through one of the south gates.

No fighting occurred in the city for all the Chinese had withdrawn southwards. Over 60 Japanese planes cruised continually over the ruined city all night.

This morning at dawn, the Chinese started shelling and a sharp artillery duel is in progress. Japanese aircraft were sent out this morning to silence the Chinese artillery posts, but, according to the latest messages received here to-day, the Chinese guns were still in action against the Japanese.

Thousands of Japanese troops are reported to be pouring into the occupied city from across the river. They are crossing in small boats and the damaged portion of the blown up bridge is being hastily repaired by Japanese sappers.

No Japanese troops have been ordered to follow up the Chinese and all are now resting in the city. — Our Own Correspondent.

OFFICIAL CLAIM

Shanghai, To-day. The Japanese have only just officially announced that Nanchang was occupied yesterday.

They add that a Japanese flying column cut the Chekiang Kiangsi railway, the vital transportation artery in Central China.

It is alleged that the Chinese rear-guard resorted to "scorched earth" tactics, and that many fires were started in Nanchang. — Reuter.

Budapest, To-day. The Bill tightening up existing legislation against the Jews was read a third time without debate in the Lower House yesterday.

Trans-Ocean.

ROOSEVELT "EMINENT CITIZEN"

Havana, March 22. Amid frenzied applause, the Senate to-day approved the bill naming President Roosevelt of the United States an "eminent citizen of the Americas" for the defence of democracy in the new world.

The Senate decided to hold a solemn session during which an official document to this effect will be handed to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joshua Butler Wright. — Havas.

DR. BENES CONSECRATES LIFE FOR FREEDOM

Democracies Warned Of Peril

Chicago, March 19.

Henceforth, all his efforts will be consecrated to the "fight for Czechoslovakian independence," Dr. Eduard Benes, former President of the Czechoslovakian Republic and now lecturer at the University of Chicago, stated to-day in a radio broadcast.

"Those who committed this crime of annexation will be punished by God, . . ." he asserted. "There is already war. Peace and order cannot reign as long as this crime is not undone."

"Not only Britain, France, and the Scandinavian and Balkan countries, but the whole world is threatened in its normal and humanitarian conceptions."

In conclusion, he warned the United States not to tolerate Nazi activities within its borders.

All reports upon the creation of a "provisional Czechoslovak Government" with its seat in the United States, are "premature," Dr. Eduard Benes stated this evening. He was credited with intentions of creating just such a government in earlier reports from New York. — Havas.

BRITISH PAPERS SEIZED BY GESTAPO

Berlin, March 21.

This morning's edition of every British newspaper, including "The Times," was seized upon arrival on German soil by the Gestapo (secret police). The seizure was due to reports on the Central European situation which appeared in the papers. — Havas.

Tested Germs Of Death On Themselves

LONDON, MARCH 14.

HOW SCIENTISTS HAVE RISKED, AND IN SOME CASES SACRIFICED, THEIR LIVES BY INFECTING THEMSELVES WITH THE DISEASES WHICH THEY WERE STUDYING, IS TOLD BY DR. JOSEPH W. BIGGER, OF DUBLIN, IN HIS BOOK "MAN AGAINST MICROBE" (ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES PRESS, 7S. 6D.).

Metchnikoff, the Russian biologist, wanted to prove that the microbe discovered by Koch and suspected of being the cause of cholera was the real culprit. So he deliberately drank a culture of the cholera vibrio, as the microbe is called. He developed cholera and proved his point.

Another investigator Pettenkofer remained sceptical. He also drank a culture of cholera germs, but for

some reason failed to develop the disease.

Wright thought that he had invented a vaccine which would make him immune to Malta fever. So he injected the germ into himself to show whether he had acquired immunity. He had not.

Four Americans, Carroll, Lazear, Reed and Agramont, set out to test the theory that yellow fever was due to the bite of the mosquito. They lived in a hut, wearing the clothing and using bedding soiled by people who had died of the disease. But so long as they kept the hut carefully screened from mosquitoes none of them developed the fever.

Then Carroll and Lazear allowed themselves to be bitten by mosquitoes which, a few days before, had fed on the blood of yellow fever patients. They caught the fever at once.

Lazear died of it.

MILLIONAIRE SHOOTS HIMSELF AT 71

Always Feared Illness

New York, March 8.

Charles Frothingham Leland, member of one of the first families of Boston, was born to wealth and position. But he was haunted by the fear that he would die slowly from one of two incurable diseases.

He outlived two children and amassed just on £1,000,000. He reached the age of seventy-one. But to-day the fear that had preyed on him for more than half a century triumphed. Charles Frothingham Leland shot himself in the cupboard of his room in a Boston hotel.

His fears that he would live a life of martyrdom caused him to retire from business and give up his political association with the late President Theodore Roosevelt when he was in his early twenties. A prosperous wool business left him by his father added to his already considerable fortune.

INHERITED £750,000

He married Miss Margaret Carr, relative of former President William Howard Taft, and she inherited another fortune of £750,000.

They had two children, but still Leland could not forget his fears. He spent most of his long life in sanatoriums and hospitals.

A cure was found during his lifetime for one of the diseases he dreaded — tuberculosis. But that did not end the fears of Charles Frothingham Leland.

ANTI-BRITISH PRESS CAMPAIGN IN NANKING

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. THE JAPANESE-CONTROLD CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS IN NANKING ARE WAGING A VIOLENT ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

Such slogans as "Destroy the British flag," "Boycott British goods," "Confiscate British property" and "Drive out all Britons" are splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to employees of British bodies, including the Consulate, to leave their posts.—Reuter.

COLONEL BECK'S VISIT

London, To-day. The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, is expected to arrive in London on April 3.

Discussions with the British Government will take place on the two following days.—Trans-Ocean.

Colonel Beck (says British Wireless) will be the guest of the Government and will be entertained at a dinner at the Foreign Office on Tuesday night.

NEW FRENCH DEFENCE DECREES

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A SERIES OF IMPORTANT DECREES CONCERNING NATIONAL DEFENCE WERE DECIDED ON AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS YESTERDAY.

They include a decree to increase navy effectives.

A decree amending the law governing naval recruiting.

A decree increasing the number of naval engineer effectives.

A decree in relation to frontier defence, all details of which are undisclosed, and

A credit for industrial mobilisation.

At the meeting, the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, made a statement regarding the international situation, and gave an account of his recent diplomatic conversations in London.—Reuter.

HOW NAZIS MARCHED INTO CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

SEVEN GERMAN ARMY CORPS CROSSED THE CZECH FRONTIER ON MARCH 15 FOR THE OCCUPATION OF BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA. IT IS REVEALED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL VON WEDEL, WHO GIVES IN THE CURRENT NUMBER OF THE "WEHRMACHT" AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE INCORPORATION OF THESE PROVINCES INTO THE GERMAN REICH.

The German troops marched into Czechia from all sides.

They were drawn from Silesia, Saxony, North Bavaria and former Austria.

Twelve hours before they had

S. AFRICAN RESERVISTS REGISTERING

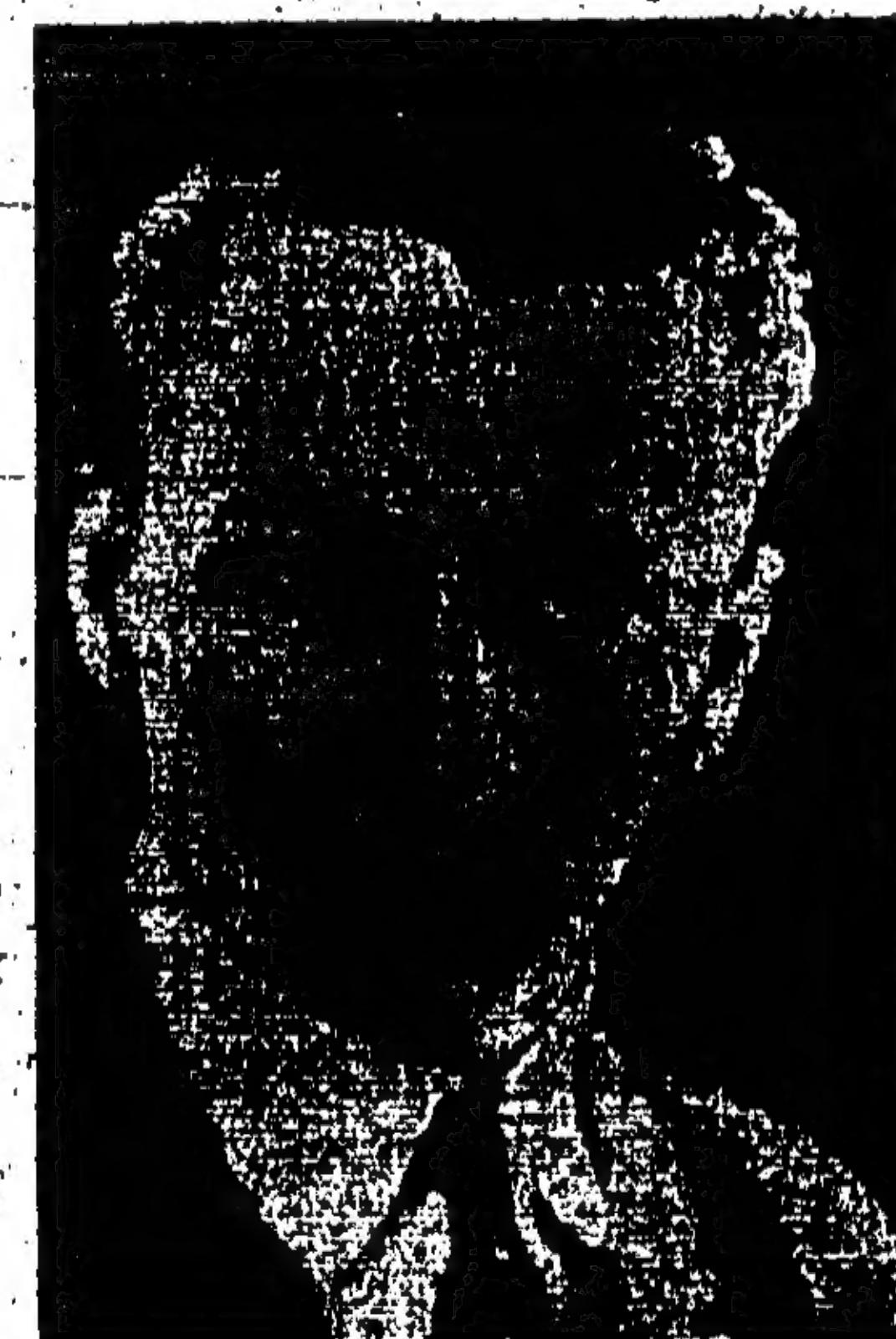
Capetown, March 22. Registration of the first class of the reservists in the Union of South Africa began yesterday. The Premier, General J. B. M. Hertzog, informed Parliament that the Government in the nearest future would make a statement on its attitude over the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

crossed the frontier, detachments of the Silesian 8th Army Corps and of the "Adolf Hitler" Lifeguards had occupied the important industrial towns of Wittowitz and Maehrisch-Ostrau situated in that part of Czechia adjoining Poland. The German troops which entered Bohemia were drawn mainly from Nuremberg and Berlin while those which occupied Moravia came from garrisons in Vienna and Salzburg.—Trans-Ocean.

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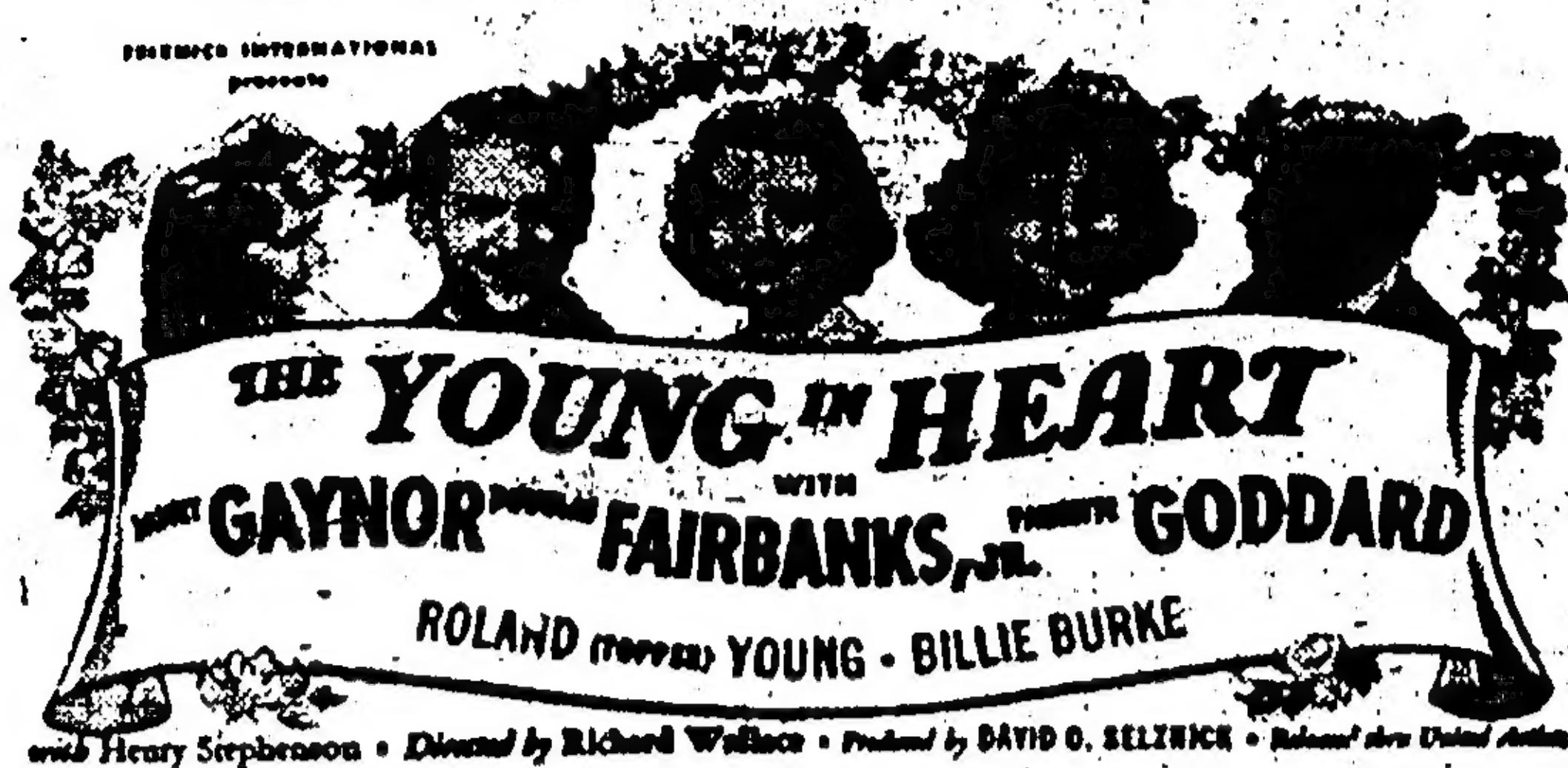


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'Orange Murder Trial' Counsel's Submission

MR. HAROLD LEE, COUNSEL FOR FOUR ACCUSED IN THE "ORANGE MURDER TRIAL," SUBMITTED THIS MORNING BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, THAT THERE MUST BE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO GO TO THE JURY IN ORDER TO BRING HOME A CHARGE OF MURDER. IN THIS CASE, MR. LEE, SUBMITTED, THE EVIDENCE WAS NOT SATISFACTORY, THERE BEING NO COMMON DESIGN TO USE VIOLENCE IN THE COURSE OF THE ROBBERY AGAINST OPPONENTS OR INTERFERERS.

The Chief Justice, however, rejected the submissions after Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, replied on behalf of the Crown.

Five Chinese, Leung Chau, 20; Lam Kam-chuen, 47; Fung Chak, 21; Li Shek-man, 31; and Leung Tai, 43; were arraigned for the murder of Leung Hung, one of the three partners of the firm Wo Fung Money-changers, No. 15, Wuhu Street, Kowloon.

First accused was represented by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, while second, third, fourth and a fifth accused were represented by Mr. Harold Lee, instructed by C. Y. Woo.

The jury was Messrs. B. A. Proulx (Foreman), Tham Khai-hong, S. N. Potoulou, P. T. Mann, Wong Sun-ye, F. J. dos Remedios and K. J. K. H. Haase.

ARGUMENT OVER STATEMENT

At the resumption of the case this morning, Mr. Hin Shing Lo strongly objected to the admissibility of a statement made by first accused before he was charged. The Chief Justice, however, ruled that the statement was admissible.

The original copy of the statement was then produced and Inspector Carey stated that he took down the statement from accused. Interpreter Ip Hoi-to testified that he interpreted accused's statement, which related how accused was awakened and gagged and bound by the robbers. The statement included that accused possessed \$65 which he had brought out from the village to start a business.

Lau Chung, one of the nine robbers who has turned King's evidence, related how he met Li Shek-man, fourth accused, a few days before the robbery and how they planned and carried it out. Witness stated that Lam Hoi and Cheng To, two of the robbers not arrested, went to the cockloft where Leung Hung, deceased, was sleeping. Witness related how they ransacked the place searching for the keys of the three safes which they, however, did not find.

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After the robbery, continued witness, they proceeded to Pitt Street and hired a sampan to go to the middle of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter where the spoils were divided into nine shares, each \$1.53.

The following day witness read of the robbery and also that one of the victims had died. Witness then went to the Police Station and gave himself up. He made a statement to Inspector Carey, and, acting on instructions from Inspector Carey, he made inquiries from fourth accused.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, witness replied that only six of the gang went to Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. The other three proceeded in a different direction after leaving the money-changers' shop.

COUNSEL'S SUBMISSION

Mr. Harold Lee, Counsel for second, third, fourth and fifth accused, submitted that in order to bring home a charge of murder, there must be satisfactory evidence to go to the jury. There must be evidence that there was a common design to commit a robbery and a common design to use all violence to resist all opposers, without regard to life. This was vital, submitted Mr. Lee in order to make accomplices

liable for the deed which one of their members had committed.

Mr. Whyatt replied that the law today was as it was in 1860 and had not been modified as had previously submitted in the Law Courts. If persons, added Crown Counsel, carry out a felonious crime of violence, and in the course of that crime one of their members uses violence which results in death, all are guilty of murder.

The Chief Justice rejected Mr. Lee's submissions. The proceedings continue this afternoon.

ROBBER OF BLIND MAN SENTENCED

Ordering that \$2 should be given to complainant from the Poor Box as recompensation, and that accused should serve 6 months hard labour for having stolen his purse, Mr. E. Hinsworth passed sentence upon Sin Yui, a 30 year old unemployed who was charged with larceny from a blind Chinese beggar, who was sleeping in Portland Street on March 27.

The prosecuting officer stated that at the time of the robbery, defendant had been accompanied by two other men and was armed with a filed chisel. The complainant, who was asleep, felt his girdle being cut, and woke up. He had shouted out for help, whereupon the men ran away. Defendant was later arrested by a Chinese constable, who found the weapon on his person. The girdle which contained \$5.10 was not recovered.

FOG OR MIST EXPECTED

The Royal Observatory reports that weak anti-cyclones are situated over N. E. China and the Pacific to the south-east of Japan. The depression is moving eastward to the south of South Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Tongking.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, fog or mist, night and early morning.

Berlin, To-day. Reichs Minister Dr. Goebbels left Berlin last evening for Budapest and Athens and is expected to be away for several days.—Trans-Ocean.

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NO ECONOMIC RETALIATION AGAINST NAZIS

London, To-day. Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative when asked in the House of Commons yesterday for an assurance that the review of the position, necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation, did not involve any retributive economic measures against Germany.

Mr. Butler added he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German broadcasts from this country, in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

Defence Measures

Replying to another question, Mr. Butler said His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.

Asked whether in view of the deterioration in the international situation, steps would be taken forthwith greatly to enlarge the British Army, Sir Victor Warrender, Financial Secretary to the War Office, said that the requirements of the present situation were under consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain gave a similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

SOVIET DEFINES "A JUST WAR"

Writing of the 21st birthday celebrations of the Soviet Army the official newspaper "Izvestia" defines what is "a just war" from the Soviet point of view.

"A Soviet war for the defence of the Socialist regime against Fascist aggressors for their complete destruction is going to be the most just and most holy of wars," the paper states.

"Where power belongs to the masses, the wars they wage can never become unjust. By defending their fatherland and destroying the enemies' troops on their own territory the Soviet Army would be helping the oppressed classes of other lands to overthrow the power of the bourgeoisie and to free themselves from Capitalist slavery.

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Mrs. Fellowes' collection is estimated to be worth nearly £400,000.

The robbery occurred last night right in the large house at Neuilly. Her husband, Mr. Reginald Ailwyn Fellowes, is an uncle of Lord de Ramsay.

Mrs. Fellowes had just returned from a visit to Cap d'Antibes on the Riviera with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

"HEARD A NOISE"

Last night Mrs. Fellowes, who is to present her youngest daughter Rosemond at Court on March 15, picked out certain pieces of jewelry which she intended to take to London with her.

Consisting of rings, bracelets, brooches, and neck ornaments, they were put into a lower drawer of a dressing table in the bathroom next to her bedroom.

"I did not leave the house all the evening," she told the police. "I had my dinner brought to the second floor and retired at about midnight after my children had gone home."

"At about 1 a.m. I was awakened by a strange noise, and I remained awake for some little time, when I decided to get up and have a look in the bathroom, but I found nothing abnormal."

"It was only to-day at mid-day that I discovered the disappearance of the jewels."

PLANES

New York, To-day. It is understood that France has ordered another 100 military planes from the United States.—Reuter.

of Socialism against the Fascist barbarians. And such a war or wars will result in establishing peace between all peoples.

"The Soviet people know that the coming war will be a terrible strain and very cruel, and it will do everything necessary in the shortest possible time and with as little bloodshed as possible to put an end to Fascism and barbarism."

All the newspapers publish pictures of the Soviet General Staff taking the new Army oath. Marshal Voroshilov, Commissar for Defence, was the first to swear it. Other pictures show the rank and file reading out and then signing this new individual oath.

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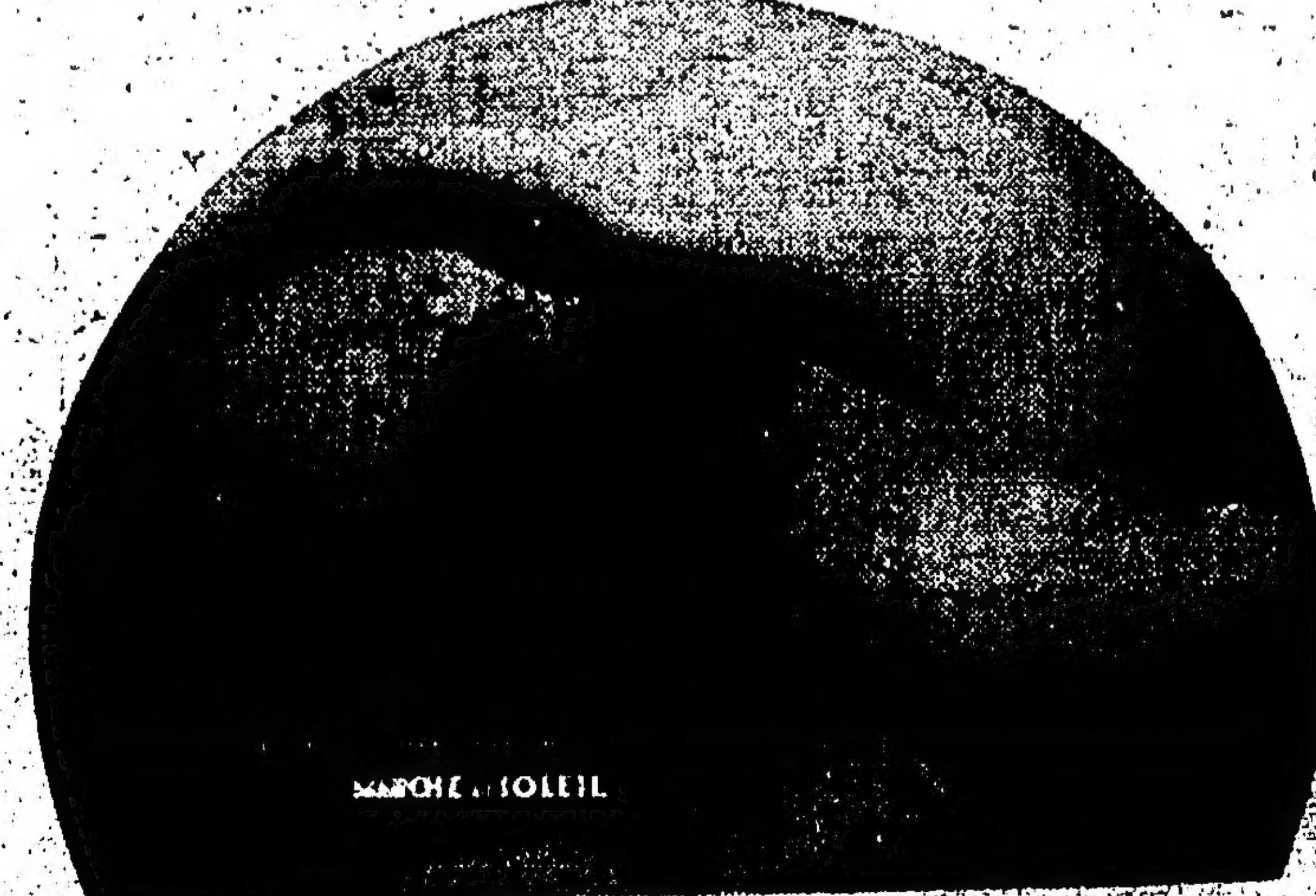
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WATSON'S REPORT BIG PROFIT

ALTHOUGH RESULTS OF THE CANTON BRANCH COULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY, THE LARGEST PROFIT RETURNED SINCE 1923 WAS REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. D. E. CLARK, AT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING OF MESSRS. A. S. WATSON AND CO., HELD THIS MORNING AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL.

The chairman said:—

Profit on the year's working amounts to \$318,627.95 which is considerably higher than the figures in recent years—in fact, one must turn back to the year 1923 to find a balance of an equally satisfactory nature. This gratifying result is attributable to the marked improvement shown by all Hong Kong Departments both as regards trading and profit. The abnormally dry Summer months were, no doubt, partly instrumental in increasing the turnover of our Aerated Water Factory and this Department of the business registered a satisfactory increase over previous years.

CANTON DIFFICULTIES

On the other hand, it was apparent from the outset that a favourable result could not be anticipated from our Canton Branch in view of the difficult conditions prevailing and, although a fair amount of business was executed on a satisfactory basis at the commencement of the season, the subsequent depreciation of the National currency as against the Hong Kong dollar, made further profitable trading impossible. Consequently, our main efforts were directed to effecting all possible economies in overhead expenditure with a view to minimising the probable adverse balance from this Account. The Canton Dispensary, our Shameen Retail Department, was closed down in May last and the premises were leased at a satisfactory rental; unfortunately, however, the outbreak of hostilities in the City completely dislocated trade in that area with the result that the above arrangement is meanwhile in abeyance. Our Factory at Pak Hin Kok has been temporarily closed, but plant is being supervised by one European, supported by a skeleton staff of selected and experienced workmen, so that, should conditions warrant, no delay need be occasioned in the resumption of operations.

Our indebtedness to our Bankers has been reduced by over two lakhs of dollars. Stocks in trade show an increase of \$105,454.98 while the amount under "Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances" is \$49,029.73 lower than the preceding year, and this is mainly accounted for by the reduction in turnover of our Canton Branch.

STRENGTHENING OF RESERVES

The proposals include the allocation of \$100,000.00 from the Profits to General Reserve, bringing this Account up to \$550,000.00 and, as I think it hardly necessary for me to stress the advisability of strengthening our Reserves. It is further deemed expedient to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the creation of a Special Reserve against Outstanding Accounts in China. At the end of our financial year, stocks of Aerated Water containers were still outstanding in the hands of Agents and Dealers in China and, although a large proportion of these, in our opinion, will eventually be returned, it is considered that, as a precautionary measure, special provision should be made to meet possible losses in this connection.

I should like to record the Directors' and General Managers' appreciation of the manner in which the Manager and Staff at Canton carried out their duties during the year under exceedingly trying circumstances.

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account as at 31st October 1938, including the Balance of \$75,202.85 brought forward from the previous year, amounted to \$89,830.80.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. L. Guy were re-elected directors on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Stapleton, and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and S. T. Butlin were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. J. E. Joop.

The following attended: Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman; Mr. J. Scott Harston,

SAPPERS FINED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Sappers William John Gardiner, David Edward Alison and Thomson Marney, of the Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were found guilty on a charge of common assault.

It was alleged that defendants assaulted a mechanic of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Yip Ming-chun, and his wife Lui Wai-ying, outside No. 158 Lockhart Road.

Sapper H. M. Ganter, witness for defendants, said that he was walking along Lockhart Road, and saw defendants and a Chinese couple in a group. He also saw the woman running across the road, with a stick in her hand, then she fell.

First defendant said that he was in Lockhart Road with second defendant and saw some people in front of them arguing. He was struck on the back by a stick, and when he turned around, saw complainant, Yip.

He pushed Yip away, and complainant started to blow a whistle. He and Alison ran away, and when near the Soldiers and Sailors Home, they were stopped by Police.

Third defendant told the Court that he was walking with Sapper Ganter (the witness) about 30 yards behind first and second defendants. Later he saw defendants mixed up with a man and a woman.

TROTSKY'S SON DISAPPEARS

Paris, To-day.

Considerable interest has been aroused here by the disappearance of the 15-year-old grandson of Leon Trotsky, the exiled Bolshevik leader.

The boy was in a Paris hospital, and, it has just been revealed, disappeared several weeks ago.

One report, which lacks confirmation, says that the lad's former governess has taken the boy to Mexico, where Trotsky lives in exile.

ROMAN FORT FOUND

London, To-day.

Discovery of portions of an old Roman fort in North England has led to the supposition that the Romans may have had outposts beyond Hadrian's Wall, until now thought to be the furthest north they had penetrated.

In the fort were found spear-heads and bronze statuettes.

LAVAL RUMOUR

Paris, To-day.

Rumours that the ex-French Premier, M. Pierre Laval, is in Rome in order to ascertain the true extent of the Italian demands, circulated last evening.

M. Laval had declared a week ago that he intended to visit Rome.

—Trans-Ocean

Mr. S. T. Williamson, Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. L. Guy (directors), Mr. W. Paterson (secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, P. C. Potts, W. F. Simpson, P. Wong, C. B. Brown, N. V. A. Troucher, J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Joop, J. A. Tarrant, Li Shiu-chung and Wong Kin-tsoi.

CABINET SOLIDLY IN SUPPORT OF PREMIER

Government Still Talking Of Declaration

Review Of Voluntary National Register Scheme

London, To-day.
Continued reports of dissension in the Cabinet are not taken seriously in well-informed parliamentary quarters, Reuter learns.

Consultations regarding the proposed four-power declaration on aggression "are proceeding normally," and the Cabinet is solidly behind the Prime Minister in this matter.

No pledge has been given to France on the subject of conscription and no dissension in the Cabinet on the question is apparent.

MORE JEWISH REFUGEES FOR FAR EAST

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN,

TO-DAY.

SIX HUNDRED JEWS YESTERDAY LEFT BY SPECIAL TRAIN FOR GENOA, WHENCE THEY ARE SAILING ON THE "CONTE BIANCAMANO" TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, THE DUTCH EAST INDIES, INDO-CHINA AND SIAM.

The emigrants are mostly young or medium-aged of both sexes. All the professions are represented in the group, majority of whom are bound for Shanghai.

Aided by different international societies for the aid of Jewish emigrants, each carried a handbag with a few belongings. The party was conducted to the Italian frontier by German officials.—Reuter.

FRANCO SMASH THROUGH ON TOLEDO FRONT

Madrid, To-day.

The city was quiet yesterday, and there was no sign of the threatened offensive by the Nationalists.

Except for the sound of anti-aircraft guns firing at 12 Franco bombers cruising over the city, all was normal. The planes dropped no bombs.

Police headquarters are crowded with people applying for passports, and the road from Madrid to Valencia is lined with refugees.—Reuter.

VICTORY AT TOLEDO

In Burgos, it is claimed that General Franco's forces struck in the Toledo sector yesterday.

They claim to have broken the Republican front and to have penetrated to a considerable depth.

The Republicans are stated to be

Foremost matter for consideration at present is review of the voluntary National Register promised for the end of March.

There are indications that new developments will result and that a comprehensive scheme for compulsory physical training of youth is a possibility.

Ministers intend to pursue every aspect of the national organisation that can be fitted into the Premier's pledge that conscription will not be introduced in peacetime. — Reuter.

Lord Halifax Supported

Trans-Ocean quotes the "Daily Mail" as saying that the possibility of widening the basis of the Government has been discussed by leading politicians over the week-end.

The paper says these efforts will continue.

Mr. Chamberlain's position would not be affected by a reshuffle, although a group of Ministers advocates his replacement by Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

Greatest Negative

Power

The paper says that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, has "the greatest negative power" in the Cabinet, and not only opposes any positive foreign policy but expresses disapproval of introduction of compulsory military service in peacetime.

For having stolen two catties of lead covered electric cable from the Kowloon Docks on March 27, Yuen Choi, 26, unemployed was sentenced to 3 months hard labour.

In disordered flight near Toledo bridgehead.—Reuter.

EVACUATION OF MADRID

Senor del Vayo, the Spanish Foreign Minister, announced in a broadcast that the evacuation of Madrid began yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile the Nationalists have captured the Almaden mercury mining area.

LORDS TRIBUTE TO CHINA

London, To-day.
The House of Lords yesterday passed the second reading, without a division, of the China Currency Stabilisation Bill.

Lord Templemore drew attention to China's reputation for high financial integrity.

Lord Snell, on behalf of the Labour opposition, expressed pleasure that this gesture to help a sorely tried nation had been made at last.—Reuter.

WHY LITHUANIA GAVE WAY TO GERMANY

London, To-day.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs told the Commons yesterday that the British Government had now been informed officially by the Lithuanian Government of the cession of Memelland to Germany.

On receiving this communication the British Government had expressed to the Lithuanian Government "their sympathy in the situation in which the latter had been placed."

Mr. Butler added that as both last December and on March 16 the British Government had made it clear in reply to enquiries addressed to them as signatory of the Memel Convention by the Lithuanian Government that they could only endeavour to secure respect for the Memel Statute in so far as this lay in their power, it was understandable in the circumstances of the case that the Lithuanian Government had acted in signing the treaty with Germany on the evening of March 22 without consulting the signatory powers.—British Wireless.

GERMAN-SLOVAK AGREEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The text of the German-Slovak clearings agreement which was concluded on March 23, was published here yesterday.

Although the agreement will not become effective until the documents of ratification are exchanged in Bratislava, it had been provisionally in force since March 28. Provision is made in the agreement for regulation of clearings through a German clearings bank and a Slovak national bank which is to be founded in Bratislava.

The agreement covers all ordinary commercial trade between the two countries but does not apply to transit or ocean traffic.

BRITAIN TO LODGE CLAIM ON PINGKIANG

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A STATEMENT ON THE JAPANESE BOMBING OF PINGKIANG ON MARCH 15, WAS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

In reply to a question, Mr. Butler said that ten bombs fell on the Methodist Mission killing eight persons, one of whom was the Rev. Leigh, a British subject. There was no other British casualty.

The property was clearly marked by large British flags and white letters on the ground.

The Ambassador in Tokyo had been instructed to protest to the Japanese Government.

Asked whether claim had been made for compensation for damage done and for the killing of a British subject, Mr. Butler replied: "I have no doubt that a claim will be made."—Reuter.

TUNGKWAN AND LOYANG RAIDED BY JAPANESE

Tungkwan, To-day.

Tungkwan, strategic town on the Shensi-Honan border, was subjected to two severe air raids by six Japanese planes yesterday morning.

More than 20 civilian casualties were inflicted and 40 houses reduced to ruins.

The raiders rained over 100 bombs, including about 10 tear gas missiles, in the busy sections of the town.

Shortly after the raids in Tungkwan, Loyang, on the Lunghai Railway in northern Honan east of Tungkwan, was also attacked by five Japanese bombers.

Flying at a low altitude, the machines released about 18 bombs in the eastern suburbs and the railway stations.

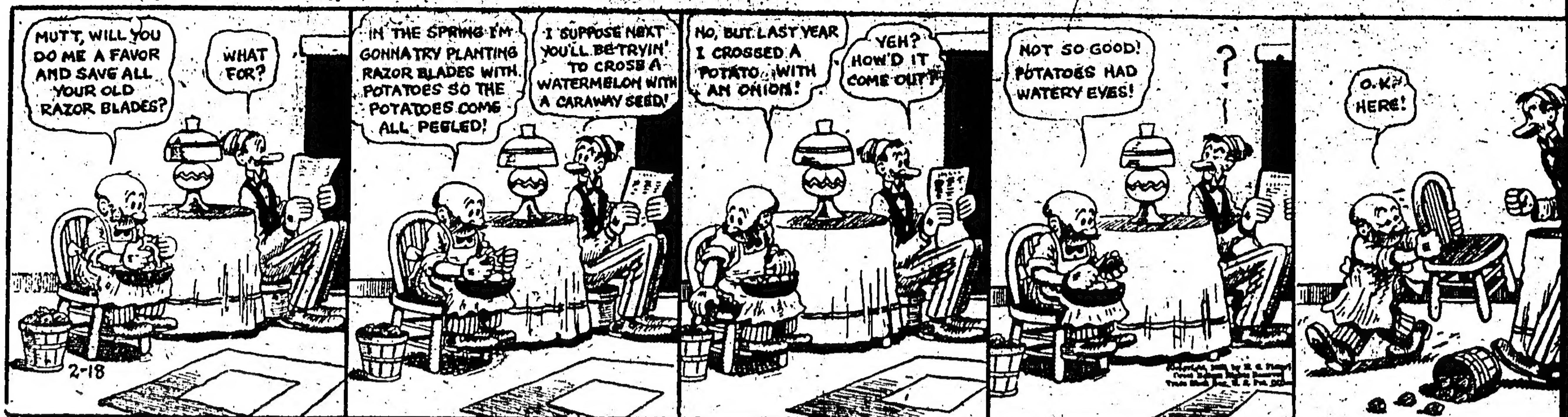
Two civilians were killed and three others wounded. Altogether 22 houses were demolished.—Central News.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

NO ESCAPE

Jill knew the moment that Gyslia depth of his feeling. She took his Hearst came into the room that Neal hand in hers. "All right. To-morrow was going to be impressed. Neal was at the Savoy at 1." always impressed by spectacular look- He was there at 12.45. The same ed if you accused him of thinking a was still in his eyes. He glanced over girl was spectacular; "glamorous" was the dozen or more women waiting for escorts. She wasn't among them. Dis- appointed, he looked at his watch. Still fifteen minutes to wait. It seemed as though each minute he waited was another year still.

But whatever, Gyslia with her gold earbobs and fanned-up haircomb and that years had passed since he had dark skin against which her teeth kissed her good night. It seemed as flashed whitely, was the type who appealed to Neal. Jill had thought he had gotten over his impulsive liking for new women, yet, watching him tonight, she knew, with a curious sinking sensation, how mistaken she was.

"He's going to make a fool of himself," she thought. Then bitterly: "She's old enough to be his mother. Oh, the blind, simple-minded idiot!"

A woman who had been sitting near the centre table crushed out her cigarette and rose. He had noticed her, vaguely, because she was striking looking. Striking in spite of her grey hair and oldish figure and not young complexion.

She came directly toward him. White teeth flashed against her dark skin. "Hello, there!" she said.

Casually, appearing not to notice the eager light in Neal's eyes as he monopolised Gyslia, Jill picked up a cigarette. Light flashed from the dia-

Neal stared. He started to remove his hat in respectful tribute to one older

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

mond on the third finger of her left hand. A little pang shot through her fingers still clutching the brim. "Gyslia!" he whispered. "Gyslia!"

Her hair was combed differently and the grey showed. His eyes travelled the length of her oldish figure and came back to her face. He wet his lips. And curiously, there flashed across his mind a picture of Jill and her fresh and vital youthfulness. Something, a queer sensation of being cheated, of guilt, of remorse, came over him; was replaced by a sudden and insistent urge.

Neal Flake danced twice with Gyslia Hearst. Then they left the ballroom and walked along the hall and into the conservatory. It was deserted and dark. Neither of them spoke until they reached a spot behind the palms. Then Neal turned. He took her almost savagely into his arms. She yielded.

"Excuse me!" he said. "Just for a moment. I've a phone call to make." His hand trembled as he dialed Jill's number. Her mother answered.

"Neal? Why, Neal, haven't you heard? Of all people!"

"Heard? Heard what?"

"About Jill. And Noel Hardin. They eloped. Last night. It was a shock of course. They've loved each other for ages it seems. Just discovered it. How romantic!"

"Romantic! Yes," said Neal. "Romantic!"

He hung up. He stood for a minute staring at the telephone. He turned, and through the glass door he could see Gyslia standing in the centre of the lobby, waiting. She saw him and white teeth flashed against dark skin.

Neal opened the door and stepped out. There was no escape.

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RUMANIA HAS RETAINED HER ECONOMIC FREEDOM

NO POLITICAL CLAUSE IN TRADE TREATY

London, To-day.

The Rumanian Government had informed the British Government that the German-Rumanian trade agreement contained no political clause and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence, declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday in a statement on the agreement.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade and promotion of relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

In this connection Mr. Chamberlain mentioned the recent decision to despatch a British commercial mission to Bucharest.

PREMIER'S "NO" TO VISIT TO HITLER

London, To-day.

The fact that the Prime Minister was not questioned in the Commons yesterday on the progress of the consultations with other governments, was probably accounted for by general knowledge that these consultations are being pursued so far as the British Government is concerned in a mood which precludes unnecessary delay while it acknowledges the need for due consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain was, however, asked to what extent his Government still regarded the Anglo-German declaration of September 29 last as an effective instrument for regulating relations between the British and German Governments.

The Premier referred his questioner to his Birmingham speech, and in reply to a suggestion that he should get in touch personally with Herr Hitler and obtain the latter's own explanation of his grave inconsistency, he said he did not think any useful purpose would be served by his doing so.—British Wireless.

HILLWOOD RD. BURGLARY

Chui Man Tat, 20 year old unemployed Chinese, was this morning arraigned before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of burglary.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant had entered No. 47 Hillwood Road first floor on March 27, at 2.30 a.m. but had been caught. It was not revealed whether anything had been stolen.

The case was remanded 48 hours pending further investigation.

FIGHTING IN MADRID

London, To-day.

Press reports from Spain state that following the decision to resist, and General Franco's launching of a new offensive, fighting has again broken out in Madrid.

Street battles are reported to be taking place between rival factions in favour of peace and those who want to continue resistance.

The Madrid radio denies the reports, stating that all is calm in the city.

ENOUGH

Rome, To-day.

The Italian economic agency declared yesterday that Italy is now able to produce enough petrol for her aviation needs.—Reuter.

For having allowed her black Cocker Spaniel to wander along the road at Ma Tau Chung Refugee Camp on March 6, without a proper muzzle or lead, Mrs. R. J. Stevens of No. 167 Boundary Street, was fined \$8 by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Court this morning.

AMERICAN DEFENCE SPENDING

Washington, To-day. The Senate yesterday passed the \$513,000,000 Army Appropriation Bill, which now returns to the House of Representatives for action on amendments.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has asked Congress for additional funds totalling over \$14,250,000 for the Navy for purchase of further aeroplanes during the fiscal year 1940.—Reuter.

ITALO-MEXICAN OIL AGREEMENT

Mexico City, To-day. The Italian tanker "Casco" left Tampico yesterday having on board 60,000 barrels of oil which the Italian Government purchased from the Petroleos Mexicanos Company.

It is reliably stated that an agreement has been reached between Italy and Mexico for the supply of large quantities of oil to the former country in exchange for machines and finished goods.—Trans-Ocean.

100,000 MEN IN DRIVE

Toledo, To-day.

The Nationalist troops under General Queipo del Llano, who launched an offensive in the Toledo sector yesterday, number 100,000.

The Nationalists claim to have mopped up an area of 50 kilometres round Toledo.

Aim of the offensive is the encirclement of Madrid, which the Nationalists hope to achieve to-day or to-morrow.—Trans-Ocean.

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U.S. SENATE PROVIDES ENTERTAINMENT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL SLIPPED THROUGH THE SENATE QUICKLY BY VOICE VOTE AND NOW GOES BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

Senator King stirred up a brief discussion on foreign affairs. He asked what danger threatened the United States, and proposed the Bill be pruned by 10 per cent. A chorus of "Noes" drowned his remarks.

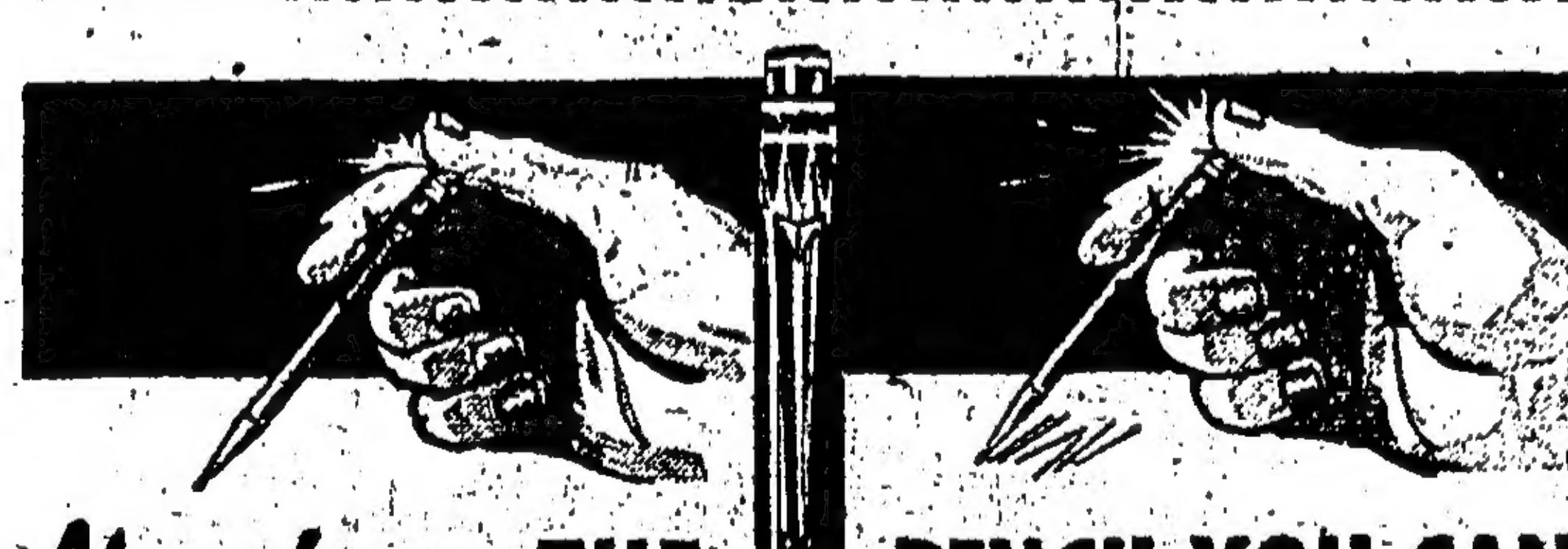
Senator King said he did not believe the United States would be endangered even if Germany defeated England.

TECHNIQUE OF HITLER

Senator Minton suggested Germany might then obtain Bermuda or part of Canada, whereupon Senator Lundeen proposed that the United States seize Bermuda and other foreign possessions in the West Indies to force payment of War Debts.

Senator Minton protested this would be adopting the "technique of Hitler." — Reuter.

Mr. W. H. Mohrman, of No. 58 Taipo Road, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when he was summoned for leaving his car unattended at Pottinger Street on March 13. Defendant said that he did not know the regulations as he had just got his licence.



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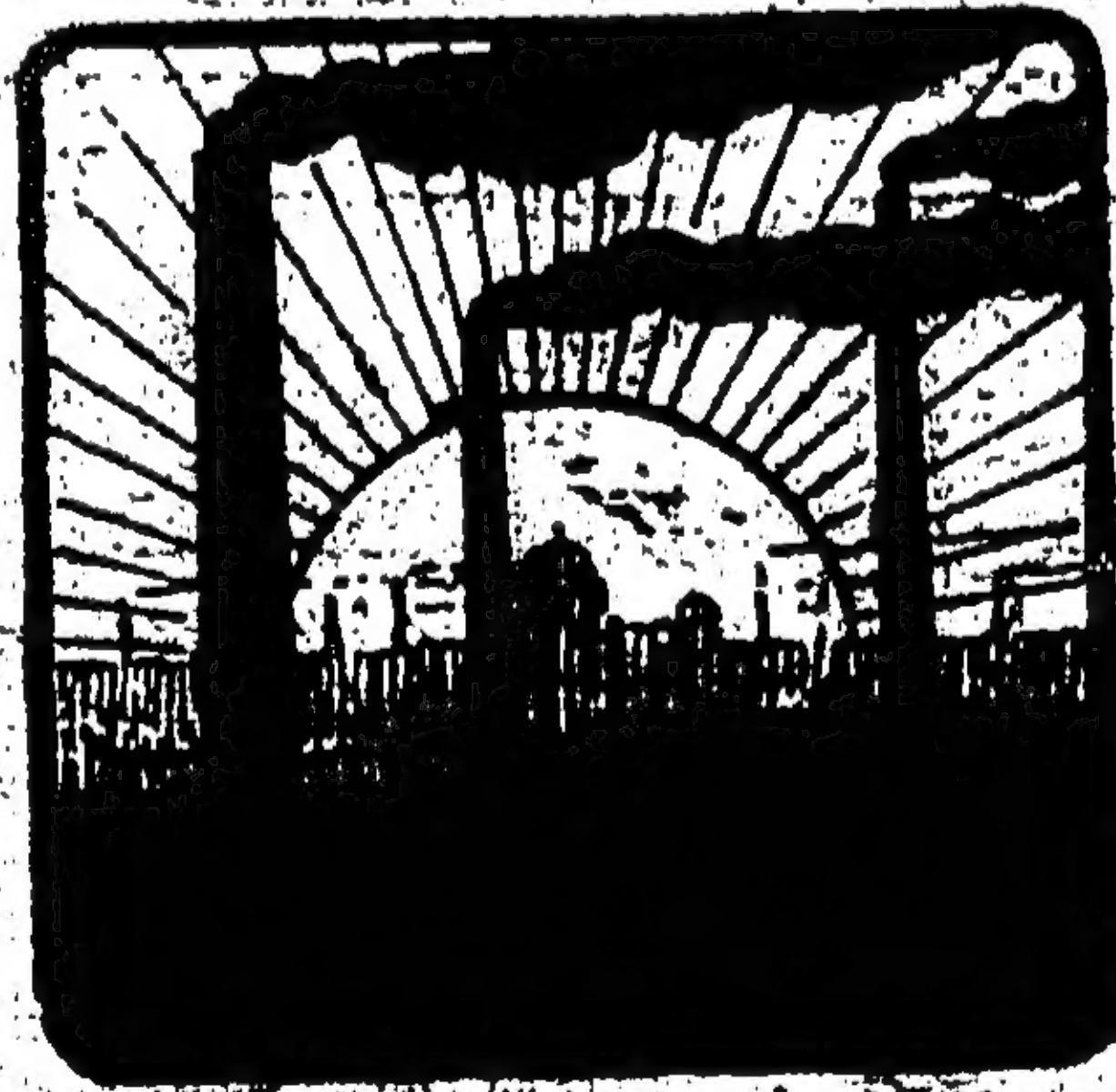
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The task of reconstructing Spain is not simply a task of rebuilding physical properties destroyed by cannon and air bombs. It is not even a task of restoring Spanish society on the familiar pattern indicated in historic class lines. Even many of General Franco's supporters see it as a task of building a new society.

This can rise only as it is strengthened from within by voluntary co-operation. To begin his building General Franco has so far only such a foundation as could be laid by compulsion. This is why the immediate future of Spain appears to be a Fascist future and why it seems that only beyond it can the highly individualistic Spaniard look for that peace which can come to Spain as to the rest of the world only through freedom.

Let the Censor Beware

Mr. Bernard Shaw is building up to greater conquests. Fifty years ago he disposed of Shakespeare. Then he tilted at the star actor in the august person of Sir Henry Irving. After that he snapped his fingers at the critics by writing plays which they protested were not plays at all; and then, just to show how little he was afraid of them, included their leaders in the cast of one of his most successful productions. But, alas, along his triumphant pathway there was an obstacle that he could not circumvent. Alone of all the great figures of the literary and dramatic world, the censor would not give way before Mr. Shaw's impetuous charge.

In fact, on two occasions the censor actually unbarred him. For many years a license was refused to two of Mr. Shaw's plays. But now, after nearly half a century, Mr. Shaw appears to be slowly, subtly, but irresistibly mining the defences of his last unconquered opponent.

One of the longest-standing of all the rules of censorship is that no public character shall be represented on the stage, but Mr. Shaw boldly announces from various London hoardings that "Chamberlain, Hitler, and Mussolini" are heckling each other in "Geneva," his latest play, at the St. James's Theatre. He still preserves a single line of retreat, however, for the posters do not say under what names these gentlemen appear in "Geneva." But before long Mr. Shaw will doubtless throw aside all subterfuge; evidently he is working up to something: let the censor beware.

Slippers for Dictators?

An English professor recently made the playful suggestion that a Five-Power Conference should be called to bring about the wearing of carpet-slippers, instead of top-boots, by dictators, for he thinks that the change would have a soothing effect.

It is commonly accepted that a man's heart may be in his boots; and it can certainly be admitted that association of sounds might lead from spur-clanking to sabre-rattling, and, plainly, slippers could prevent a martial display from proceeding to extremities.

One might deduce also that a dictator could never bring war on the table if he were on it himself, since, in that case, the slippers being what it is, he would soon be "on his upper" too.

NAZIS ALL WORKED UP OVER POLAND

SECRET RADIO IN SPY PLOT

The Danish police have discovered an extremely modern radio transmitter during their investigation of the alleged espionage plot.

By using this radio one of the leading persons in the plot has been able to send news of interest to a foreign Power, as well as receive "orders" by wireless.

Police experts were surprised at the ingenuity employed in the construction of the apparatus.

H.K. Flier's Dramatic Return

FEARS WHICH WERE ENTERTAINED FOR THE SAFETY OF GEORGE H. HUANG, THE STUDENT OF THE FAR EAST FLYING SCHOOL WHO TOOK OFF YESTERDAY ON A CROSS-COUNTRY TEST FOR HIS "B" PILOTS' LICENCE AND FAILED TO RETURN LAST NIGHT, WERE SET AT REST THIS MORNING IN DRAMATIC FASHION WHEN HUANG APPEARED OVER KAI TACK SHORTLY BEFORE 10 O'CLOCK TO MAKE A PERFECT LANDING ON THE AERODROME.

Huang, who already has an "A" Pilots' licence, left Kai Tack yesterday at 3.30 p.m. on one of the tests required for the higher commercial pilots' licence. This test required that he make a cross-country flight at a height of 6,000 feet.

NIGHT ON BEACH

Whilst in the vicinity of Mirs Bay the weather, which became extremely thick towards evening, closed in on him and he adopted the only sensible course and made a successful forced-landing on a beach in Mirs Bay.

He spent the night in the cabin of the machine, a Hornet, with side-by-side seating and this morning, on the weather clearing, made a good job of a most difficult task and taking off skilfully, arrived safely at the airport.

Defiant Speeches By Rumania Leaders

BUDAPEST, TO-DAY. DEFENCE OF RUMANIA'S ACTION IN THE RECENT CRISIS WAS MADE BY M. CALINESCU, THE PREMIER, ADDRESSING THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL FRONT YESTERDAY.

Rumania was determined to defend her territory, he said, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised or she would have broken off the negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Rumania, but refused.

She decided to defend her territory and recalled several classes to the Colours.

"Painful Surprise" Expressed In German Capital

Berlin, To-day.

Political circles are "painfully surprised" at the "renewed anti-German incident caused by the Polish Western League at the southern end of the Polish Corridor" at Bromberg, according to an inspired Nazi statement to the foreign press. The statement added that anti-German riots are increasing.

In Warsaw, it is authoritatively stated that nothing is known of any serious incident at Bromberg.

Minor incidents involving Germans and Poles are constantly being reported, but nothing has occurred to justify the language of the Berlin statements.—Reuter.

NAZIS "SURPRISED"

Trans-Ocean quotes Nazi circles in Berlin as expressing "surprise" at the failure of the Polish authorities to put an end to the disturbances.

Berlin alleges that the latest incidents at Bromberg form a new link in a chain of anti-German demonstrations.

SLOVAKS CALL UP RESERVE CLASSES

Bratislava, To-day.

The Slovak National Defence Ministry yesterday summoned the five youngest reserve classes of air defence for military service.

Members of the air force have received instructions to report at Pilsudsk, while air defence and artillery forces will assemble at Bratislava immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT FRIGHTENED

M. Gafenthu, the Foreign Minister, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and her Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened.

He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania was surprised by Count Csaky's (the Hungarian Foreign Minister) speech on March 28.

Rumania was not frightened by Count Csaky and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

It was also stated that Rumania would demobilise as soon as Hungary withdraws her troops from the frontier.

SITUATION OPEN AND OMINOUS

New York, To-day. Commenting on Mussolini's speech, the New York "Times" states: "The speech leaves Europe lacking real security but apparently saved from a new crisis."

The New York "Herald-Tribune" says: "Mussolini leaves the whole situation open and ominous."—Reuter.

ARMY HEADS NEW CABINET IN LITHUANIA

Kaunas, To-day.

The Lithuanian Government has resigned, and President Smetona has asked the Chief of General Staff to form a Cabinet.

Conversations between the Government and the Opposition have been going on for some time, and the resultant formation of a Government led by a military man is of utmost significance in view of the German threat.—Reuter.

General Rashtikis, commander-in-chief of the Lithuanian Army, has broadcast an appeal for contributions to the National Arms Fund.

He stated the campaign was not directed against any country since Lithuania would fight only in defence of her independence.

MICROBE HUNTERS

Wresting life's secrets from the unknown... Daring death to-day... that thousands might benefit to-morrow!

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Blind to the woman who loves him... he saved the life of the girl who hated him!

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

London, To-day.

Mr. Basil Newton, who is leaving Prague to take up in the near future his post of British Ambassador at Baghdad, is expected to come to London this week before proceeding to the Near East.

The British Legation in Prague remains in charge of Mr. Troutbeck.

Sir Maurice Peterson, Mr. Newton's predecessor at the Baghdad Embassy, who was recently appointed Ambassador to the new Spanish Government, is leaving within the next few days for Burgos.—British Wireless.

CANTON RECOVERY MYTH EXPLODED BY FOREIGNER

Reports Of Return Of Population Untrue

(By A Special Correspondent)

Conditions in Canton are far from bright and all the stories circulated by the Japanese regarding the healthy state of business in that city must be discounted as so much propaganda. That was the information I obtained from a well-known European business man who had been resident in Canton for the past 17 years.

My informant added that for some time now hundreds of women had arrived in Canton from Japan, these being "shipped" to the Japanese army. Officially they were described as geisha girls, "but", said the gentleman interviewed, "official descriptions are not necessarily always correct."

Speaking about the re-opening of the Pearl River, he said that although there were rumours to the effect that this would be soon effected, he did not see how they could do so for at least six months to come. For one thing he did not feel there was enough business to warrant such a step and for another he did not see where they would get the money from to do so.

The Japanese would have the world believe that the Chinese are turning to Canton by the thousands. Actually only a few have returned and even these do not return to stay. They merely go back to see what conditions are like and then leave again."

GAMBLING DENS

Every second house has been turned into a gambling den. These are frequented by "loafers" who perhaps obtained their money by looting.

Asked whether many of the Chinese shops had re-opened for business, my informant said that only few of them were trading again. "These poor devils are between the devil and the deep blue sea," said my informant. The Japanese refuse to supply them power or water unless they open their shops and sell Japanese goods, and the moment they do this they receive letters from Chinese guerillas to the effect that unless they stop selling Japanese goods their shops would be burned on a certain day.

The guerillas always keep their promise.

The Japanese are making every effort to induce as many Chinese to return to Canton as possible and to this end the Japanese Army transports, running between Macao and Canton, carry passengers free. In spite of this, however, only a few people have so far taken advantage of this generosity.

Returning Soon!

"THE
ADVENTURES
OF
ROBIN HOOD"
AT POPULAR PRICES!

According to my informant, there are only about 10,000 Japanese troops in Canton.

Mr. E. W. Blackmore, of No. 94 Waterloo Road, has reported that between Tuesday and Sunday last, some person stole a pull-over from his room, valued at \$40.

Mr. D. M. Richards, of No. 113 The Peak, has reported that some person stole a sum of \$15 from his dressing table between Sunday and Monday.

Conscription Issue At Privy Council Meeting This Week

London, To-day. A meeting of the Privy Council, which is to be presided over by the King on Thursday, has provided grounds for extensive speculation.

General opinion is that the meeting will presage action by the Government on the question of introducing compulsory military service.

The Cabinet is by no means united on the question, and it is believed that the Prime Minister is opposed to the step, though the majority of Ministers are in favour and are exerting considerable pressure on him.

SIR JOHN SIMON

One of the chief opponents of the scheme is Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who it is believed would resign rather than vote for it.

It is recalled that Sir John Simon was Home Secretary in Mr. Asquith's Liberal War Cabinet, and resigned in 1915 as he was opposed to compulsory service.

CABINET CHANGES?

The possibility of extensive changes in the Cabinet in connexion with the conscription question, is being widely mentioned in informed circles.

Concensus of opinion is that several Ministers will have to be replaced as a preliminary step to the introduction of compulsory service.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO SPEAK ON THURSDAY

London, To-day. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, as leader of the Party, will attend the meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of the Conservative Union Association at Westminster on Thursday this week.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE TENSION IN EUROPE IS REFLECTED IN STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY.

During 1938, it was announced, a total of \$369,000,000 was transferred from Europe to the United States.

Most of this sum was in securities, bank deposits and brokers' operations.

Foreigners invested \$50,000,000 in American securities, while Americans invested only \$26,000,000 abroad.

China, says the announcement, now has \$77,000,000 in American banks.

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GRAND NATIONAL WINNER FETED IN IRELAND

Dublin, To-day. A great welcome was extended yesterday to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for Co. Kildare.

On arrival at Kildare, where business had been suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Trans-Ocean.

DALADIER TO ADDRESS THE NATION

PARIS, TO-DAY. AT THE CABINET COUNCIL HELD HERE YESTERDAY PREMIER DALADIER EXPRESSED THE THANKS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO PRESIDENT LEBRUN AND M. BONNET FOR THE RESULT ACHIEVED BY THEIR VISIT TO LONDON WHICH HAD ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE STRENGTH AND HEARTINESS OF ANGLO-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP.

M. Bonnet then made a detailed report on his conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax and gave a comprehensive account of the present international situation. M. Bonnet also referred at some length to the speech delivered on Sunday by Mussolini.

A number of decrees relating to National Defence were signed by President Lebrun and will be published this morning.

It is stated that a meeting of Ministers will take place on Wednesday to consider the speech which M. Daladier will broadcast to the French nation in the course of this week.—Trans-Ocean.

GAYDA FOLLOWS IN HIS MASTER'S FOOTSTEPS

Rome, To-day.

"Mussolini not only presented the course of Italy's imperial policy but also outlined the formula for future European peace," declares Signor Gayda, writing in "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda says that Mussolini's "peace plan" can be summed up—to every nation adequate territory, to be obtained through revision of the present status.

This revision, he adds, "need not be brought about by force if proper understanding is evidenced."

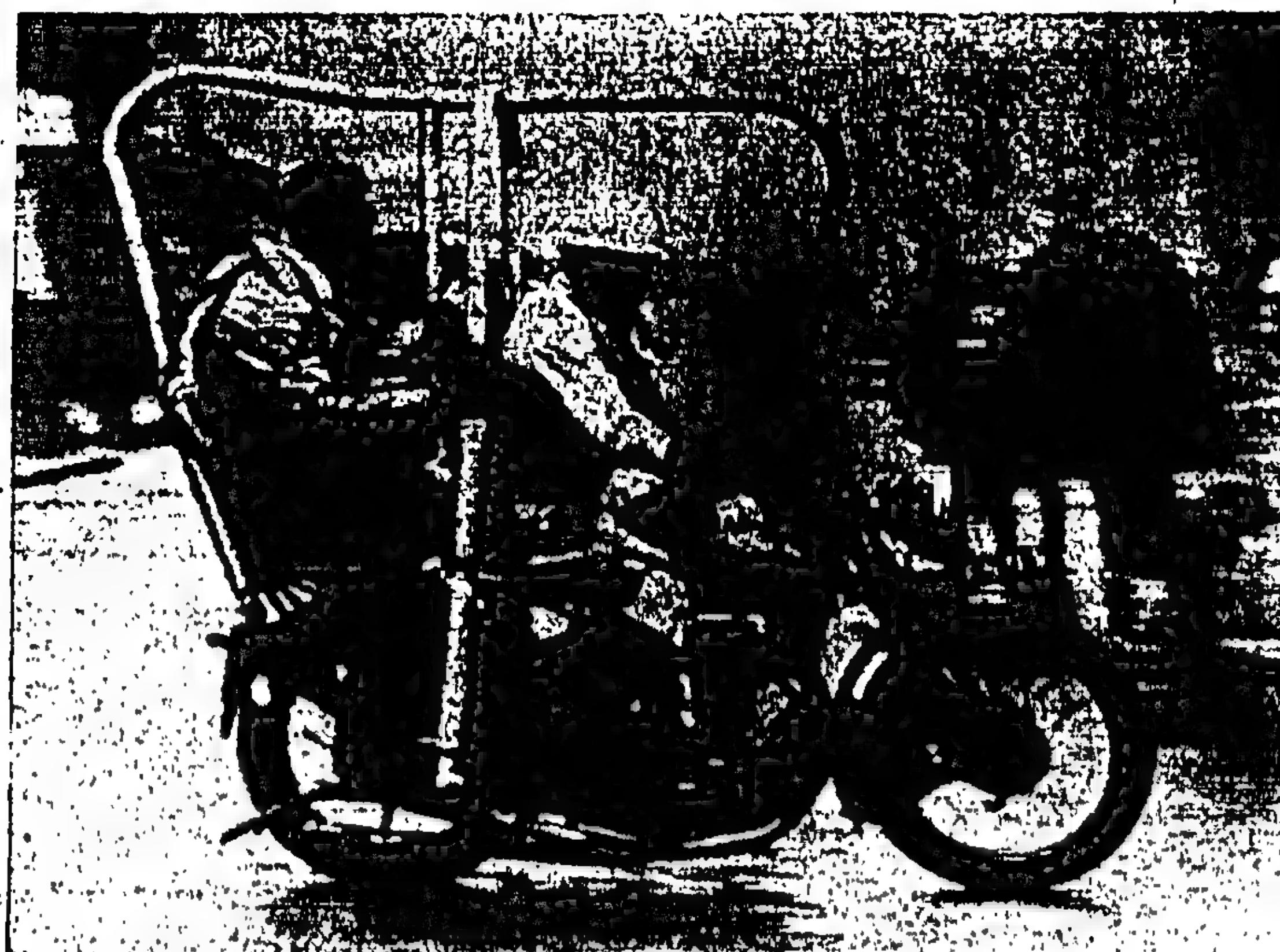
Signor Gayda, after saying that the totalitarian powers do not want war, states that Italy's demands are in complete conformity with her rights under the London Agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

Private Clifton, of the R.A.S.C., Murray Barracks, has reported the loss of a suit of grey flannel clothing from his quarters. Cpl. Malone, of the same Regiment, also had clothing valued at \$40 stolen on Tuesday last.

Mrs. A. H. R. Butcher, residing at No. 106 The Peak, has reported that between July last and yesterday, some person stole a table cloth valued at \$65, from her residence.

Mr. Strange, of the Sanitary Department, has reported that clothing to the value of \$25 was stolen from his car while parked in Gap Road, at about 4 and 6 a.m. on Sunday.

News Snack Bar



Mr. Putt Mossman, the well-known motor-cyclist, left London on a trip on March 16— to Capetown. Riding on a machine carrying all his own equipment, he is carrying petrol in an ingenious arrangement of pipes— necessary for long desert journeys where petrol is unobtainable. He hopes to beat the steamer time for the journey. Photo shows Putt Mossman and his mechanic setting off on their strange looking machine from outside the R.A.F., Pall Mall. (Air Mail).

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London's police courts:
Husband at Willesden: My wife has a passion for the films. She has even put a photograph of Clark Gable in the frame once occupied by our wedding picture.

Woman at Highgate: This men's party was a peculiar scene. They were all saying 'Cheerio', but they were not meaning 'Good-bye.'

Man at West Ham: My only relatives are in New York. They've got a plantation there.

Girl witness at Ealing: I don't think he had ever driven before. He did not look round at me.

THIRTEEN CHILDREN EACH

Henry Harris (eighty-one), of Blackwood, (Mon.), father of thirteen children, was married at the Newport (Mon.), register office to Mrs. Charlotte Williams (sixty-six), a mother of thirteen children.

ROYAL FURNITURE FOR AUCTION

A collection of porcelain and objects of art belonging to Princess Arthur of Connaught were sold at Christie's on March 23. The forty pieces included some fine specimens of Chinese and Japanese lacquer work, a quantity of decorative furniture and mirrors, and some Oriental rugs.



Three New York men are completing some of the most remarkable moving models yet produced for the World's Fair. Here is a Stegosaurus, which when finished will be reproduced into a 28 feet long and 9 feet high monster.

VAN BOY SAVES BULLION

A daylight attempt to rob a G.W.R. delivery van containing bullion worth about £1,000 in Phipps-street, Shoreditch, was foiled by a sixteen-year-old van boy who struggled with three men and shouted for help. The men dropped the box and ran off.

QUEEN MARY TO ATTEND REUNION

When the 13th-18th Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) hold an old comrades' reunion at Shorncliffe Camp, near Folkestone, in July, Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment, will be among those taking part.

BRITISH OFFICER MAULED BY TIGER

Captain C. E. Watson-Smyth, of the 7th Gurkha Rifles, is reported to have been seriously mauled by a man-eating tiger while out shooting at Tripuri, in the Central Provinces, India. He was taken to hospital at Itarsi, where an operation was performed.

BOY'S CRASH THROUGH WINDOW

A boy of fifteen, attempting to escape from a police escort at Grays police station, fell headlong down a 30 ft. flight of stairs and then crashed through a plate-glass window with glass a quarter of an inch thick. He was detained in Tilbury Hospital with a fractured pelvis, cuts, and other injuries.

CAPETOWN BARMAIDS

There are forty barmaids left in Capetown and they are asking for a weekly wage of six pounds. Barmaids were prohibited under the Liquor Act of 1928, but those who had been employed for twelve months before the passing of the Act were given exemption certificates.

BLUE RIBAND: NAZIS TO TRY

Germany is to try to recapture again the Queen Mary's Blue Riband of the Atlantic.

The proposed construction of liners to replace the Bremen and Europa (one-time holders of the blue riband) was announced by Dr. Dortmueller, Minister of Communications, in Berlin. He was addressing Germany's Economics Society.

Dr. Dortmueller also referred to the extension of the Kiel Canal. The locks which were to be built, he said, would enable the largest ships of the world to pass through even those under consideration for construction.

This is a reversal of attitude... Bremen won the Blue Riband in 1929 and Europa in 1939. But after France's Normandie took the prize a long article appeared in "Westdeutscher Beobachter" (Nazi organ, Cologne) urging that there was no point in trying to retake it. "The race for the Blue Riband is always too dearly bought, and the ship-builder has more important things to attend to than super-speed ships," the newspaper declared.

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£20,350 FOR TWO MEMORIALS

The estimated cost of the proposed memorials in Trafalgar-square to the late Lord Jellicoe and Lord Beatty together is £20,350. So Commissioner for Works, Sir P. Sassoon, told the Commons.

WARTIME P. O. CHIEF DIES

Death of Brigadier-General Sir Frederick Herbert Williamson, of Purley, Surrey, formerly Director of Postal Services, is announced. Sir Frederick, who was sixty-three, was Director of the Army Postal Services during the war, an appointment which made him responsible for the dispatch of mails to all the theatres of war.

CITY CHURCH FOR SUBURB

All Hallows Church in Lombard-street (heart of the City of London) with its tower, is coming down and being re-erected in Twickenham, close to the Rugby Union Ground.

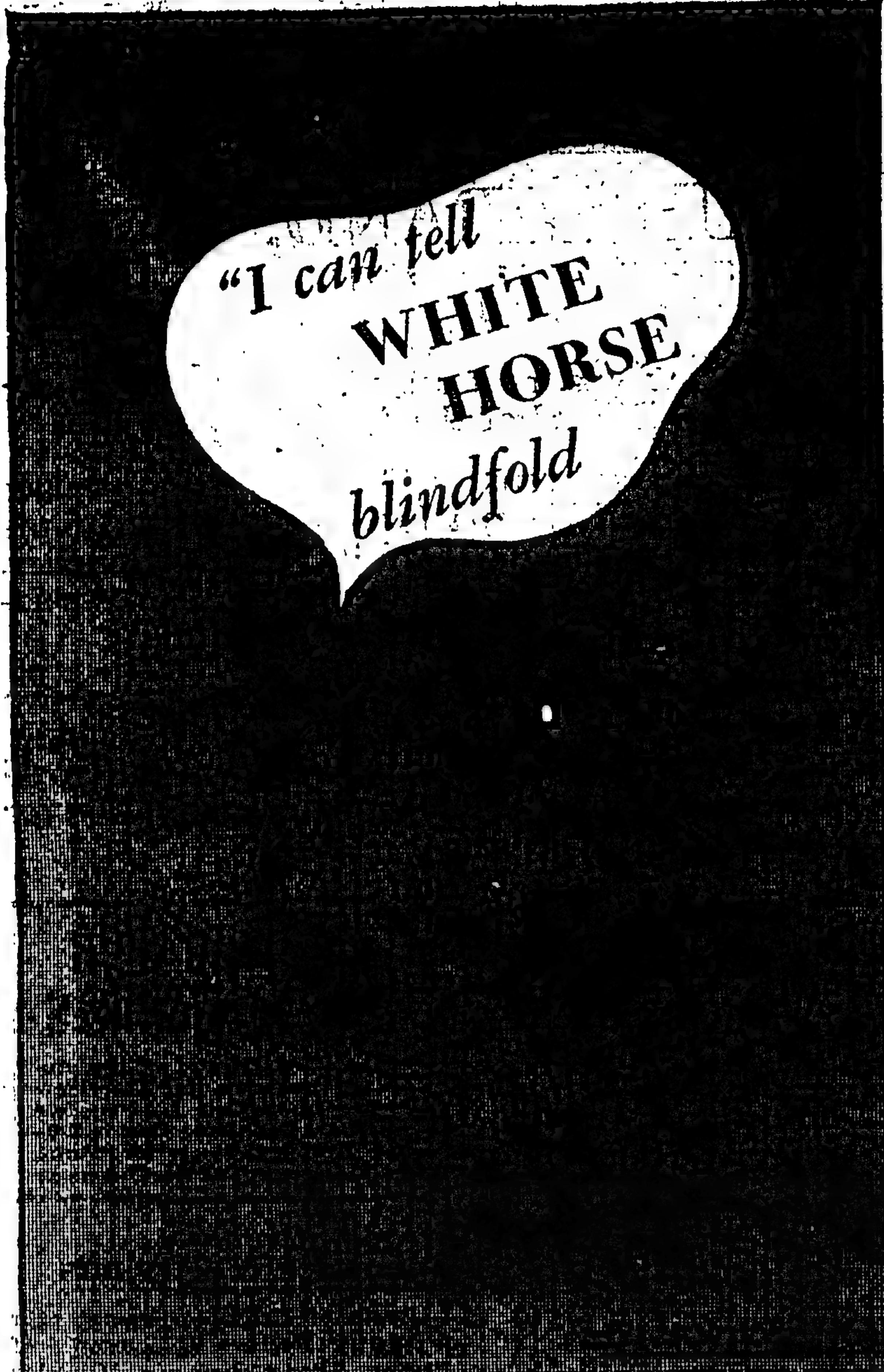
LETTUCE BE THANKFUL

Among subjects investigated by the Imperial College of Science last year was research into the diseases of spring lettuce.



RECLAIMING THE LAND

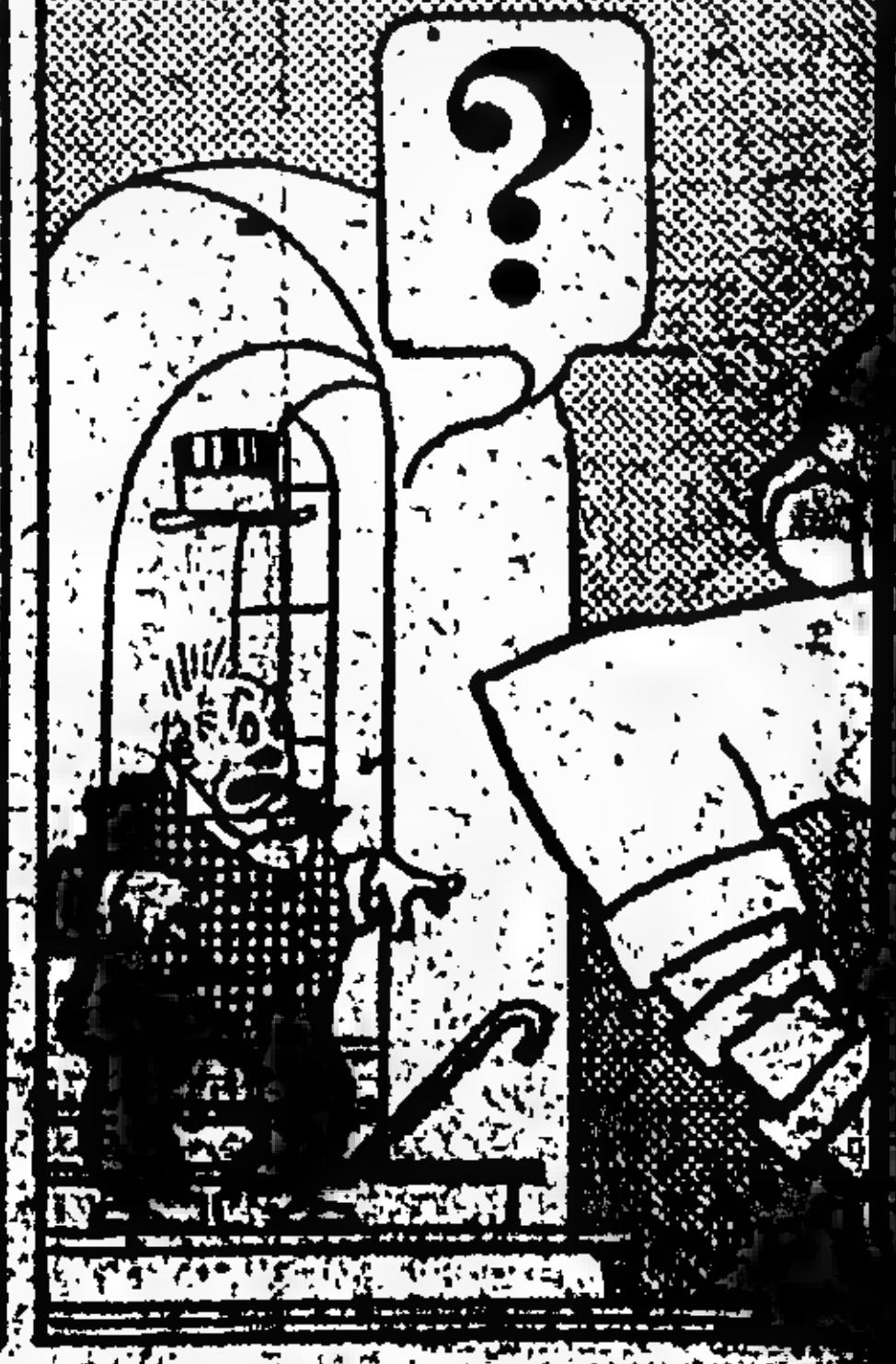
This is not a show scene but a giant leveler on the sand which has been reclaimed from the sea at Wallasey. A fine new promenade is being made on the plot which was once covered by the sea.



Here's Luck!

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Bringing Up Father



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"The Italians Always Held That

STORM ON

THOSE of us who have cruised in French are in possession, and they the Mediterranean with an eye for geographical diplomacy—or which is in some sense the reply should we say diplomatic geography? to Italian designs.

—have become aware of the extreme importance of the strip of perhaps vital. The British who re-country known as Tunisia set in the middle of the African shores facing the Italian island of Sicily.

For here is a comparatively narrow channel of that large salt lake—for, except that it communicates with the Atlantic Ocean by the Straits of Gibraltar, it is virtually a lake—known as the Mediterranean Sea. A great French engineer, De Lesseps, constructed an eastern exit, the Suez Canal; but nothing would be easier than to close this artificial waterway.

Just as England stands sentinel at Gibraltar, Italy hopes to stand sentinel here.

These strategic considerations are essential maritime route could not allow Tunisia to fall into Italian

hands, any more than they could allow Sicily to fall into French hands. The two Mediterranean powers neutralize each other.

But the French occupation of Tunisia tends to thwart the Italian ambition. If Italy commanded Tunisia, as well as Sicily, and had a submarine and airplane base at Pantelleria, it would certainly be mistress of the Mediterranean. But Tunisia. They did not add it to the Empire. Strictly speaking, Tunisia

By SISLEY
HUDDLESTON
In the "Christian
Science Monitor"



For the first time since the Great War, a son of the ex-Kaiser visited Paris yesterday to preside at the ceremony in memory of German War victims at Ivry Cemetery. Photo shows Prince August Wilhelm leaving the cemetery accompanied by German air attaché after the ceremony.

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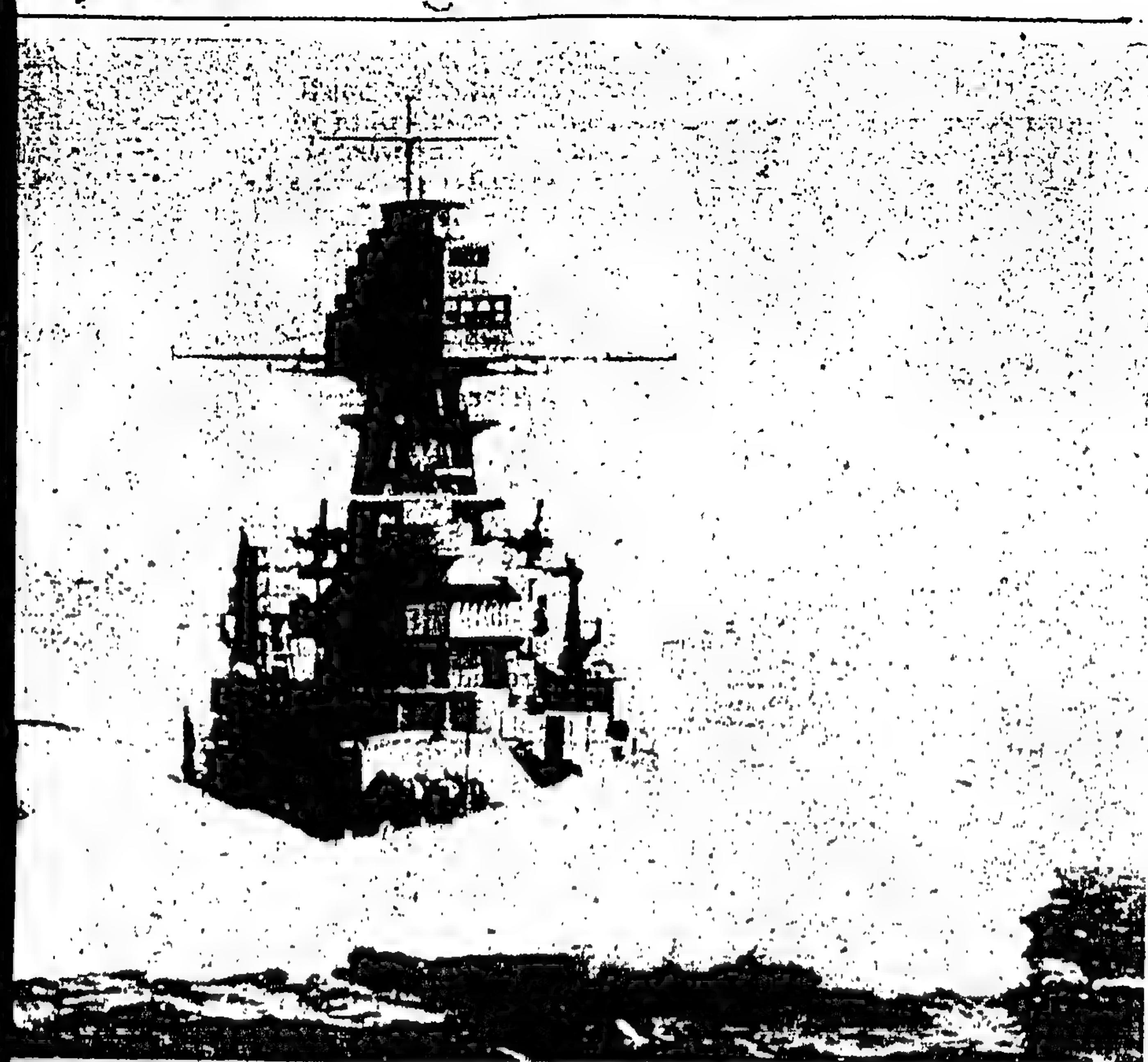
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The French Jumped Their Claim'

VER TUNIS



In a grand scale have just been carried out by the United States Navy in the Caribbean combined with ships in comprehensive exercises designed to test the efficiency of personnel. Photo shows U.S.S. Arizona burying her nose into the sea.

France to-day. The Bey has of a Monarch, he responsibili-

The Italians always held that the who have European affinities.

French had "jumped their claim."

They refused to recognize the French Protectorate for fifteen years—that is to say until 1896. For there recently French and Italians have no doubt that the earliest settlers lived side by side among the Berbers, the Moors, the Negroes, the Jews, and the nomadic Arabs, and that this immigration has had its effect on the Berbers of Tunisia indeed made a colony of their own, and portions of Tunisia strike even the hasty traveller as Italianised. One has the impression even to-day that the Italians outnumber the French. Yet the latest figures show that, in fact, the French are now more numerous than the Italians. The Italian dispute the figures, and in any case they urge that the French have naturalized original Italian settlers.

This statistical dispute is really without interest; it remains true that the French have established their administration, and that Tunisia has prospered under their control. It is altogether unlikely—not to say impossible—that the French would in any circumstances consent to be ousted, or that the British would allow them to be ousted.

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Since, however, it is the business of diplomacy—and of diplomatic writers—to find a modus vivendi, it should be admitted at once that the Italians have a special place in Tunisia. Indeed they have hitherto enjoyed priviléges. They have been very largely autonomous. They have kept their nationality. It is true that the French can denounce the Accords which date back to pre-French days but no responsible person would contemplate such action. It is true that Benito Mussolini agreed with Pierre Laval to an eventual assimilation of Italians, and that he has since repudiated the bargain of 1935 on the ground that the French applied "sanctions" to Italy. It would seem that the whole question is reopened.

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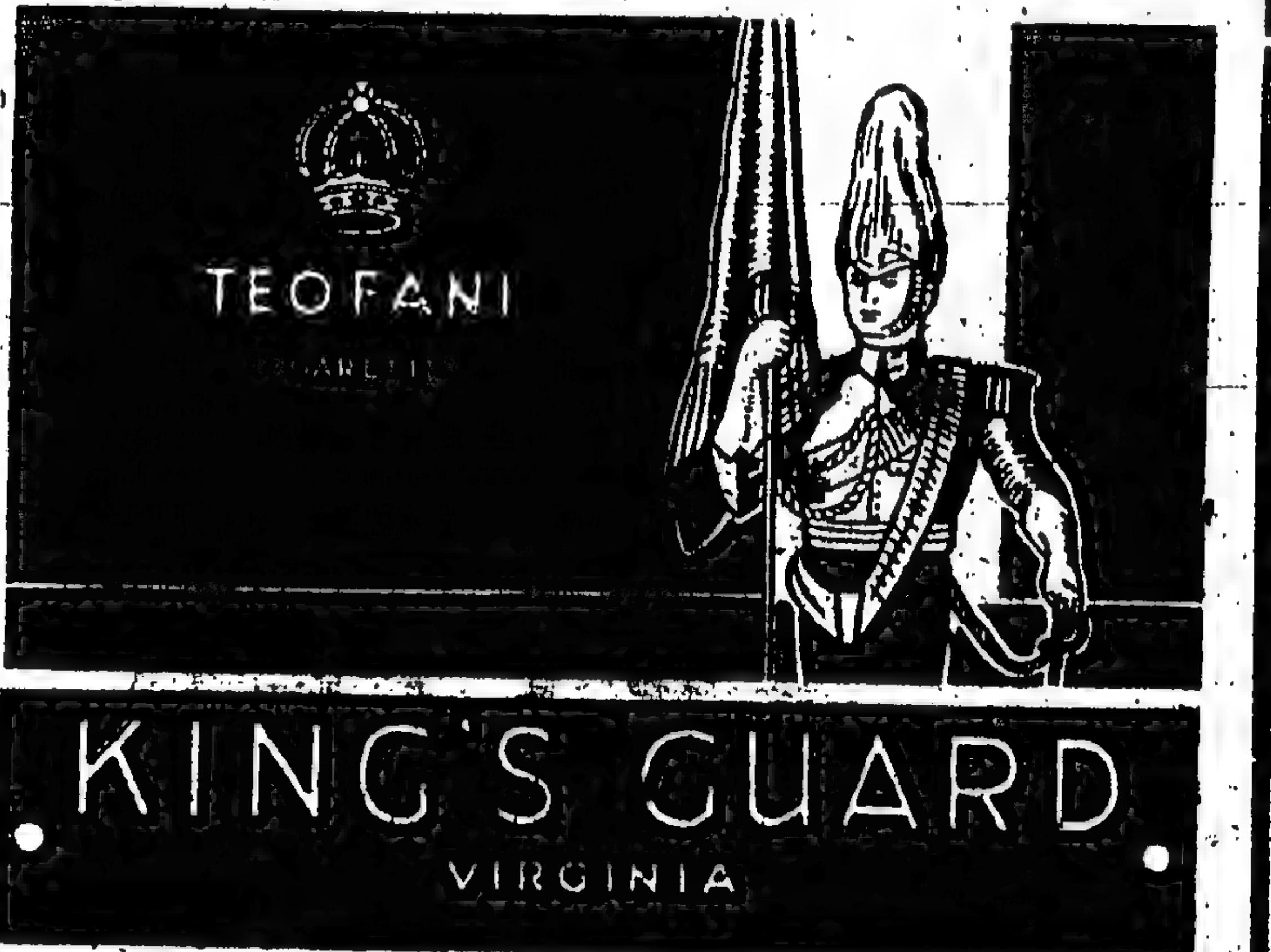
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Beauty and You

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Glamour Girl Must Possess Composite Charms

I can see where 1939 is going to be a good year for beauty editors! Everyone in the field will have a chance to spread herself—for men are demanding a composite of feminine graces before they will dub "charming"! No longer is a good figure, or a pretty face, or compelling manners singularly synonymous with "glamour"—all three are required to pass the test and a few more requisites are added such as excellent posture, gorgeous hair, style, modesty, interesting personality and (believe it or not!) accomplishment.

We cannot be beautiful but dumb. We must be beautiful and intelligent, amusing, cautious and gracious!

Of course, you may ask as I do. "How do men get that way? What

right have they to demand so much of one mere female?" But the truth, is, honeys, we just love them to demand much of us. It puts us on our mettle and we turn out to be far more fascinating creatures than we ever hoped to be! And the natural swing of history is to a very feminine era.

As one artist words it: "I have an idea that the most beautiful attributes of a 1939 glamour girl should be the same as men looked for in years gone by. She wouldn't be a jitter bug or a snob. I wouldn't even specify that she would have to be young! Certainly she wouldn't be the kind from a fine home and good schools who runs around like wild. She would be her own type and dress that way and not be much influenced by crazy fashions."

That was John La Gatta, the illustrator, speaking, who draws those lovely creatures for magazine covers and stories! He continued: "I look for style plus natural beauty and refinement and a capacity for understanding sympathy. Youngsters so experienced that they have nothing to look forward to don't interest me. Expressions of bored sophistication makes me take to my heels, and I know many men react like that."

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about feminine charm. "I prefer the less spectacular, less sophisticated, more simple types. Also, I am looking for long hair, the longer the better, soft and long. Models look feminine that way. Clothes would have to be definitely feminine. Innocence is very attractive, if you find it in a young face." His glamour girl would be a brunette between 17 and 22, weight 120—which allows for curves!

Other artists had their opinions but you see what the specifications are! Men are thoroughly fed up with blasé manners and harsh exteriors, hard make-up and false sophistication. The key to the situation is this: Let your feminine self be expressed. Be just as sympathetic, maternal, pretty and dependent as your heart desires. Discover your type and stick to it—do not be influenced by a friend's taste or the extreme in fashion if they do not flatter you. Keep your figure trim but softly curved. Your

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

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seen circumstances are apt to be responsible for the upsetting of plans this day, so make due allowances if this should occur. There will be no justification for refusing a reasonable excuse, nor will it be advisable for you to decline discussing any important subject. Do not take anything for granted, but insist on receiving a clear explanation for whatever appears to be puzzling. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who have a right to feel optimistic regarding their chance of becoming, betrothed, might find that it will pay to stick to the truth this day, and refrain from resorting to evasive replies or mis-statements, for both are liable to be trouble-makers.

If a woman and March 28 is your birthday, you perhaps are inclined to be a dreamer. Fantastic ideas may cause you to waste a lot of valuable time. Be cautious about accepting voluntarily offered advice too freely, especially about your personal business affairs. You ought to be able to talk persuasively and have a magnetic personality. As a broker, agent, journalist, actress, singer or musician you might meet with a tremendous amount of success. Every condition applying to your matrimonial affairs appears to promise a most auspicious future.

The child born on March 28, evidently will have every chance to make money and a good reputation. This youngster ought to have an exceptional amount of good judgment and common sense.

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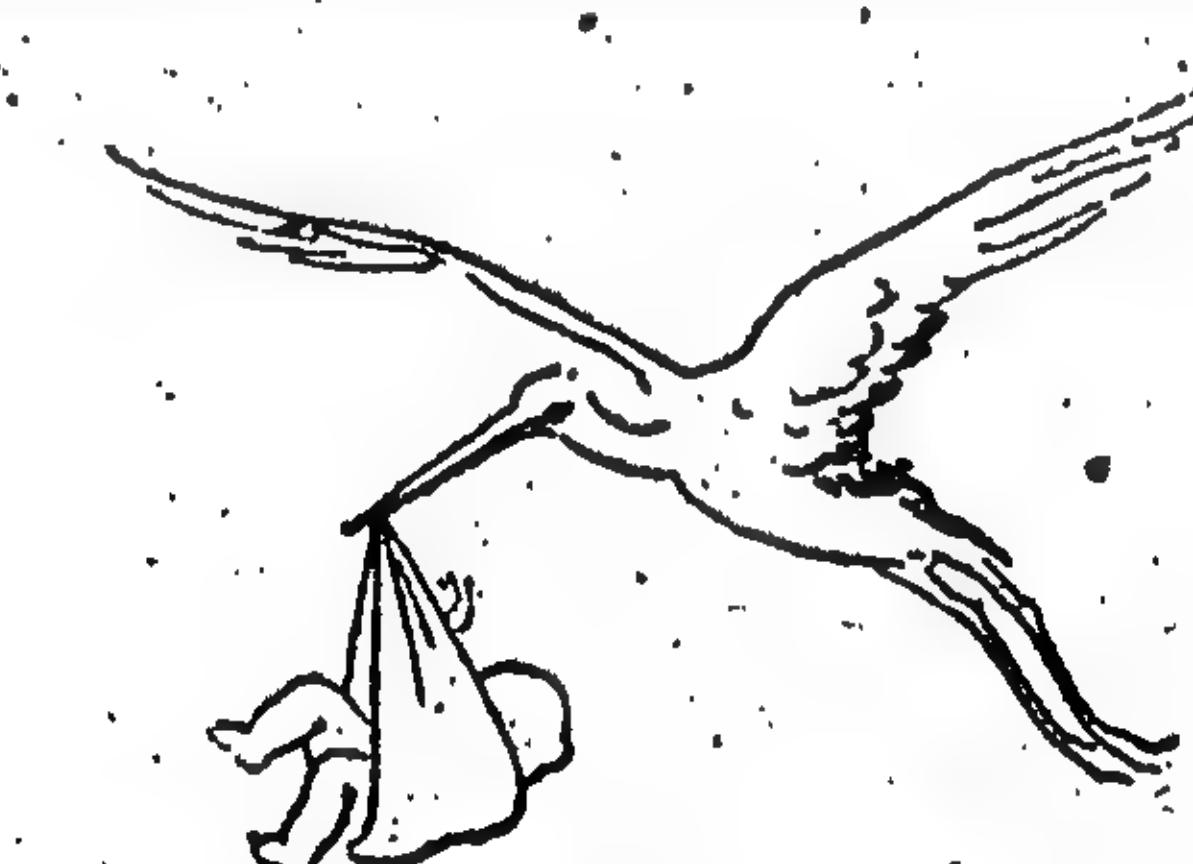
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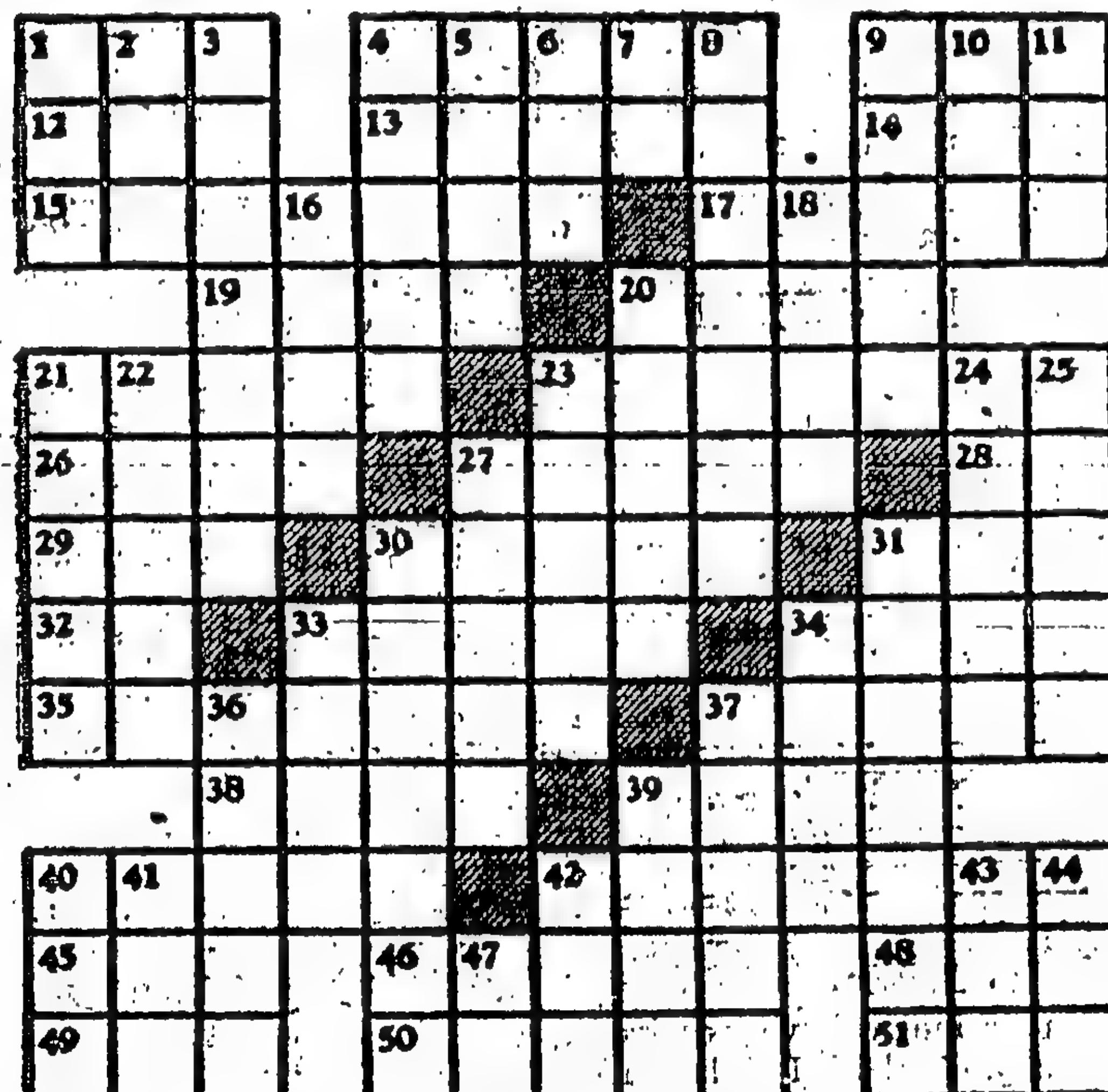
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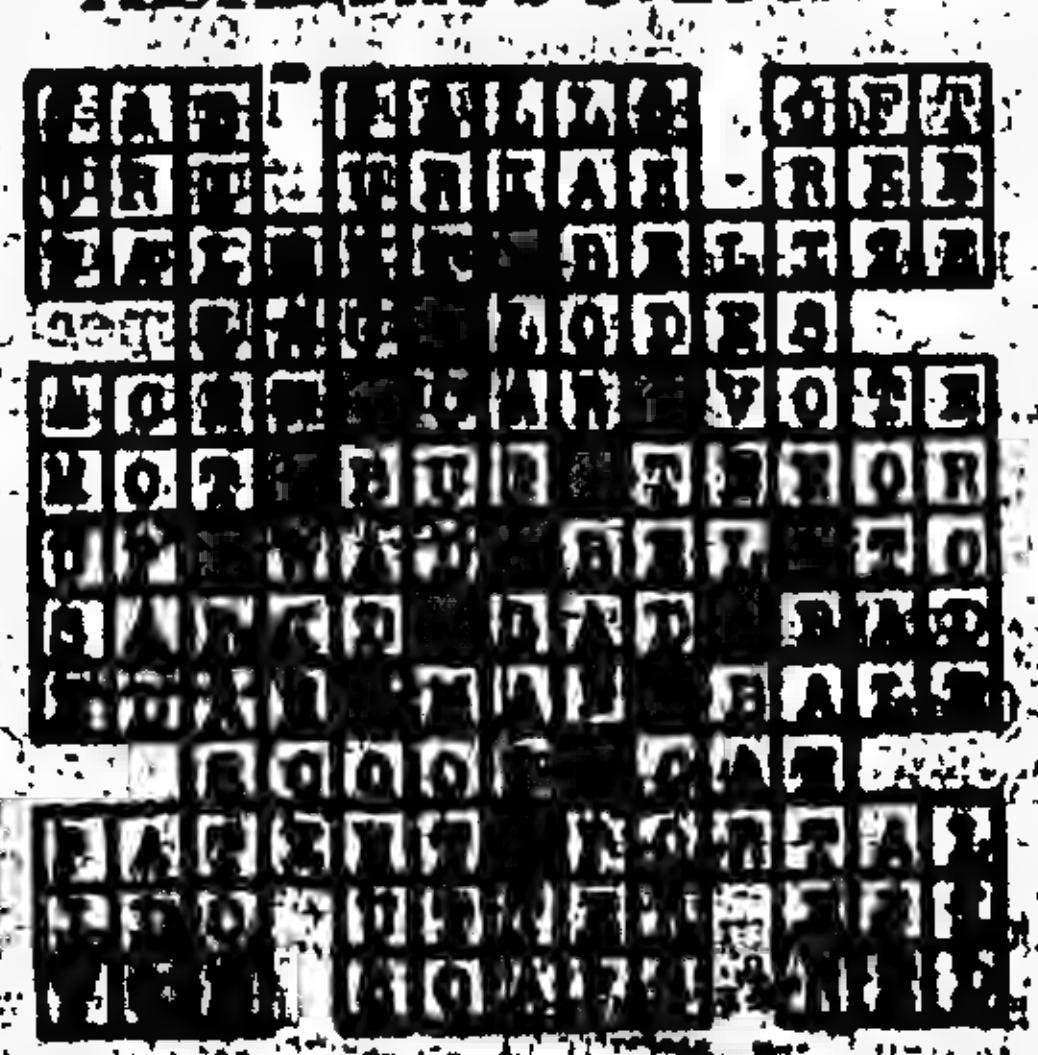
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- Swiss river
- Cause to revolve
- To prance
- Son of Adam
- Roll of hair
- Pronoun
- Speedily
- Gem
- Unit of work
- Welsh river
- Debate
- Axillary
- Upper garment
- German city
- Racket
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- To cheer
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Paris, To-day.

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The last item transmitted before ceasing operation was a communication containing the order of the day issued by the Defence Council forbidding any individual action or independent operations, and to follow only the instructions issued by the Defence Council.

The fact that the order of the day did not contain a final appeal to resist to the last any attack made by the National Spanish forces and in view of the uninterrupted session being held by the Defence Council, it is generally assumed here that the evacuation of the Spanish capital is imminent despite the offensive launched by the Franco troops on the other sections of the front.

Otherwise well informed circles are convinced that the sudden silence of the Madrid radio station is due to new difficulties which are believed to have arisen between the Defence Council and the Communists whose aim according to the latest despatches is still to prevent the evacuation of Madrid at all cost and to continue resistance to the bitter end.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-SOVIET CO-OPERATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Moscow, To-day.

A communiqué was issued yesterday after the talks between Mr. R. S. Hudson, British Secretary for Overseas Trade, and Soviet officials.

The communiqué states that the foundation was laid for trade negotiations to be continued in London.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact established for co-operation in international affairs.—Reuter.

KNIFE ATTACK ECHO

The case in which Li Ki, aged 48, unemployed, was charged with armed robbery and wounding Mrs. Rosemary Holmes, of 194, Prince Edward Road, has been fixed for hearing on April 5 and 6 at 2.30 p.m.

The man was alleged to have robbed Mrs. Holmes of jewellery worth over one thousand dollars from her residence last Friday.

During the robbery Mrs. Holmes received a cut on her hand.

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FURTHER ACTION OVER INTERESTS IN CZECHIA?

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE BILL TO GIVE NECESSARY POWERS TO BANKS TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BLOCKING OF CZECH ASSETS IN LONDON, GIVEN BY THE TREASURY AFTER THE GERMAN ANNEXATION OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, PASSED THROUGH ALL ITS STAGES IN THE LORDS YESTERDAY.

The Government spokesman said the Government of India had been informed of the action taken but he could not say whether any of these Governments proposed to take similar action.

The French Government, he understood, had acted in the same way as the British Government.

He could not at present indicate the steps the Government might have to take to protect British interests in Czecho-Slovakia.

The attitude of the German Government on Czecho-Slovakia's external obligations was not yet known. They must wait until the situation was much clearer before formulating a policy. The present measure was only intended to safeguard the position meantime. — British Wireless.

JAPAN ASKS REICH TO STOP AID TO CHINA

Berlin, Mar. 21.

Immediate discontinuance of German arms and ammunition sales to the Chinese Government, was requested by General Oshima, Japanese Ambassador, when he called upon Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Reich's Foreign Minister, yesterday evening, it was asserted to-day.

Both Japanese and German political quarters attached great significance to that interview yesterday. Japanese circles welcomed the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia, it was noticed, but expressed the



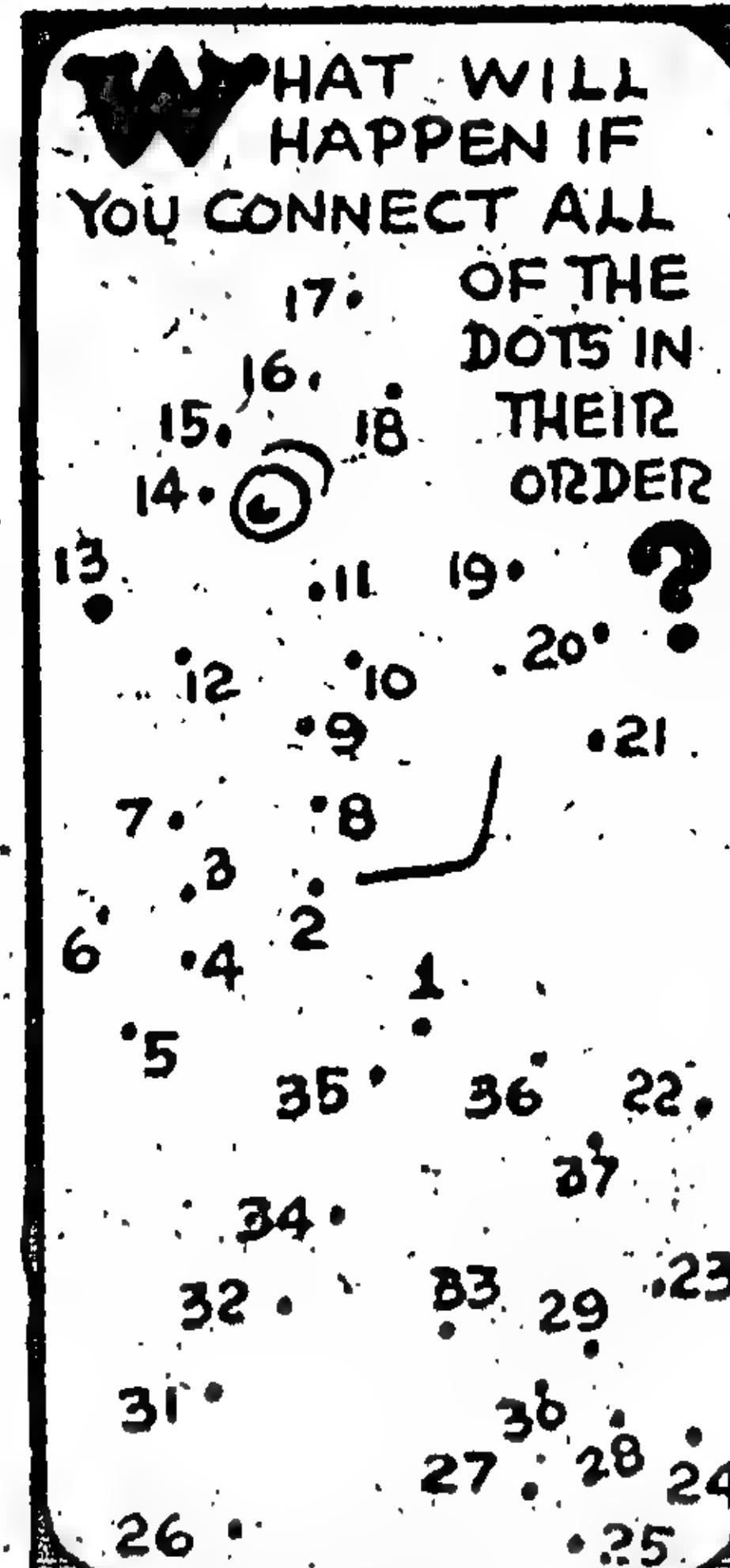
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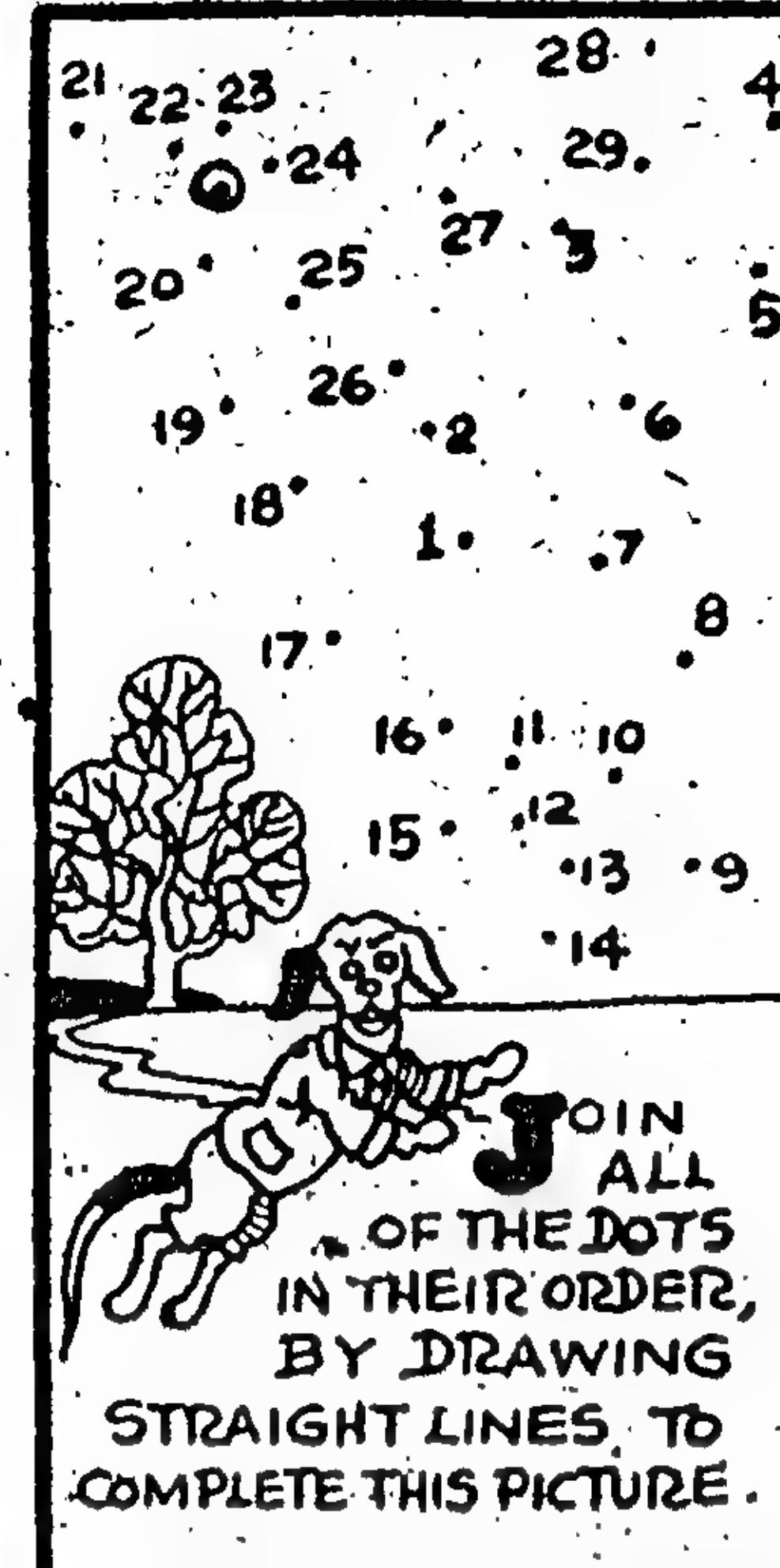
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What Germany Is Annexing: Arms Power And Wealth Of The Czechs

London, March 16. Cold figures give a good idea of the enormous accession of power for Germany that the annexation of the Czech State means.

At the outbreak of the Great War the estimated population of the German Empire was 68,000,000, and the area 208,780 square miles. In 1919 the population was 59,000,000, and the area (fixed by the Versailles treaty) 171,910 square miles.

To-day Germany dominates a population of close on 90,000,000 and an area of 268,000 square miles.

From the point of view of Germany's rearmament the Czech defence equipment is of supreme importance.

40 DIVISIONS

Czecho-Slovakia has been credited with 40 divisions, supplied with every modern equipment. These include four "Mobile Divisions"—infantry divisions with sufficient transport for every man—with tanks or armoured cars attached.

Czecho-Slovakia had a good supply of very efficient "medium" tanks, carrying a gun and a machine gun, which have replaced other types.

In addition there are two divisions of Mountain Troops and five brigades of cavalry. Her arsenals are also well filled.

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The Skoda munition works at Pilsen produce heavy artillery, from

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Rumjahns Enter Semi-Final

Razack And Minu Beaten In Open Doubles

FOOTFAULTING WHICH REMAINS UNCHECKED

(By "REFEREE")

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn yesterday entered the semi-final round of the Colony Open Doubles lawn tennis championship, at Hong Kong Cricket Club, when they beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5, in an encounter featured by thrilling volleying duels at the net and bad footfaulting.

The Rumjahns always looked as if they had something in reserve and indeed, if they had taken advantage of all the mistakes of their opponents, would have ended the match in less than half an hour.

The stand court was in use for the first time and line judges were in attendance, making the match more enjoyable to watch. Both Minu and S. A. Rumjahn, however the latter in particular, were guilty of footfaulting, but it was not until the 10th game in the second set that Rumjahn was penalised by the baseline judge. This upset his play to such an extent that he double-faulted and conceded his first service game.

H. D. Rumjahn was the steadiest of the four players, his cross-court driving on either hand scoring repeatedly, while his volleying was excellent. "Sirdar" showed a distinct improvement from midcourt and was rarely beaten in the volleying duels at the net.

OVER-EAGERNESS

A. R. Minu, known for his hurricane hitting in cricket, did not belie his reputation, but this over eagerness to tuck everything at the net away for a winner, cost the partnership points. His volleying from midcourt, with exceptions, was inaccurate, while in the middle of the second set, he threw away a countless number of points in attempting to play shots just within reach of the edge of his racket.

Razack was steady, but beyond that he had nothing else. His service was very weak, although there occasions when he drove a good length ball from the baseline. Razack and Minu won the opening game and led 2-1 when they looked like extending the Cousins, but thereafter they were often passed at the net through poor positioning. With the score standing at 5-2 in the Rumjahns' favour, Minu had an inspired spell at the net and returned practically every shot for a winner, taking the score to 5-4 in the Rumjahns' favour, at which stage the Cousins re-asserted themselves for the first set.

The second set witnessed many thrilling moments at the net, but the Rumjahns' steadiness and sounder all court game carried them through.

FOOTFAULTED BADLY

In the only other doubles encounter, Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong entered the third round at

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN DOUBLES

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.

Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

OPEN SINGLES

Lt. J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

T. J. Gould (-15) beat R. C. Beavan (-3.6) 6-2, 6-4.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Shewan (-3.6) beat Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ralph (-2.6) 6-2, 6-3.

the expense of E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson in a long drawn out affair which went to three sets.

Stephen Wong foot-faulted very badly, especially on his second service when he should have been pulled up by the umpire in charge. Lim Thian-tet played his usual steady game, although Wong was very much in the eye in the final set with sound overhead work and clever angle volleys.

Two Singles matches were also held, Alec Crawford entering the third round at the expense of Peter U, while Lt. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan in straight sets in the first round.

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Tsui Bros. On View To-Day

Two interesting matches in the Colony Open Doubles lawn tennis championship should be witnessed this afternoon at H.K.C.C.

On the stand court, the Tsui Brothers, holders of the title, will meet Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain in what is likely to be the best encounter of the day.

In the other doubles match, a Service "Derby" will be featured.

The doubles match between S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett and A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios, which was originally scheduled for this afternoon, has been unavoidably postponed.

The following is to-day's programme:

Open Doubles

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (Stand Court), Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal (2).

Club Handicap Singles

H. J. Armstrong (-15) v R. M. M.

WEST HAM BEAT MILLWALL AWAY FROM HOME

London, To-day. — In a Second Division League match held yesterday, West Ham gained a good away victory in beating Millwall by two clear goals.—Reuter.

King (3.6) (1), H. D. Bidwell (-1.6) v A. K. MacKenzie (-1.6) (7).

Club Handicap Doubles

F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies (2.6) v R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.) (3).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden (2.6) v H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull (3.6) (4), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beavan (-4.6) v T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig (-4.6).

To-Night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Taikoo in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hui and Miss Ulian Khoo, the holders, and K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreio, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

Eddie Gosano Again Shines

International Softball Series Progress

CARDINALS COLLAPSE IN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

(By GRANDSTAND)

DESPITE the inclement weather and slippery grounds a full schedule of Softball games were played last Sunday. The Portugal "A"—Canada clash, which was won by the former 12—5, was by no means a one-sided affair as the score may indicate. The "Canucks", led by "Colonel" Dave Walker, put up a great fight and although on the losing end, they gave Portugal "A" a good scare for the first three caskets of the fray.

The Canadians were leading 4 to 2 at the end of the fourth frame, but the Portuguese heavy slingers reversed the issue in their turn to bat, to garner four tallies on five hits and two costly errors.

After the third inning, the Canadians could not keep up their original pace and were only able to score one run in the remaining four innings.

Portugal "A", composed mostly of players from Club de Recreio, Champs in the Men's League, were not up to their usual standard of play. Johnny Alvares pitched a good game allowing only six hits and two walks. G. G. Lee, the Canadian twirler, worked like a Trojan on the mound, but he weakened after the 3rd frame, yielding 13 bingles and five walks. Five miscues committed by his fielders made matters worse for Gee Gee.

The Gosano Brothers kept up their good work on the baseball diamond. Eddie, besides playing a brilliant game at centre-field, clouted a homer, a three-bagger and a two-bagger.

"A. V." was a little slow on the field, but his stick work accounted for three saffies out of five times to bat. Gerry caught four flies in the outfield and made two well placed hits. Len Alltree, a veteran hard-ball artist, guarded the right-field garden for the Maple Leafs, and did a good job of it. Len's three-bagger which brought in three runs in the first inning, made the Portuguese boy's look pale under the gills. Denham Crary and Wally Ching played good ball for the losers.

EASY PICKINGS

In the second game in the International series, China had easy pickings, trouncing the United States 9 to nil. Tommy Chan was in great form on the mound for China. He only allowed two measly hits, one by Ernie Hearther and another by Lawrence. Doc Molthen, on the slab for the United States, had an off-day, yielding six hits and making two costly errors to help in his own defeat.

The game was scoreless for two innings.

In the third frame China broke the ice with Hong Sling, Richard Chung, R. Chang and Earl Wong crossing home plate one after another on three walks and three hits. China garnered three more runs in the fourth frame and two in the sixth to cinch the game.

R. Chang made some beautiful catches at centre-field, while Choy played a good game at short-stop in place of Wally Ching, who played for Canada instead of China. For the Americanos, Hanus Waggoner and Harris shone brightly in the the windy-alley and hot-corner respectively.

Oldtimer Tommy Thomson playing ball for the first time in many moons, gave a sterling display be-

hind the plate for U.S.A. His throwing to second base was just as good as of old.

WILDCATS—AND HOW

In the Women's League, the Wildcats subdued their Canadian Chinese rivals 14—8 in an interesting game. The clash turned out to be a struggle between the four Louie Sister and the four Mar Sisters. The battery of the Maple Leafs was composed of Mary Louie, pitch and Dot Louie, catcher. Wildcats had the services of Lily "Sunshine" Mar, on the slab, and Doris Mar, behind the plate. Mary Mar covered the left-field cabbage patch very ably and accounted for three runs, two hits and three stolen bases.

Baby sister Gloria Mar, who played a good game at centre-field, created a sensation in the fifth inning when she made a perfect bunt and stole second, third and romped home all in one breath! Rose Louie played like a veteran at Shorter stop, scooping hot grounders and catching infield flies.

Mabel Louie, at the hot corner, was sure fire for put outs and would-be-base-stealers. Frances "Zaza" Lee, the Wildcat's new find at second base, was very dependable in the keystone position. Wildcats made eleven hits to the Canucks 9. Both teams miscued three times apiece.

HEART-BREAKING DEFEAT

After leading by nine runs till the sixth inning, the Cardinals gave the game away to the Baby Panthers to the tune of 12—10. It was a heart-breaking game for the Cardinals to lose.

In the first of the sixth inning the score was 10 to 1 in favour of the Redbirds. At their turn at bat in this canto, the Panthers rallied brilliantly, scoring no less than 11 runs to put them in the lead with two runs to spare. The whole Cardinal team just blew up for no good reason at all, and the Babes took advantage of the situation, chalking up eleven counts on eight hits, three walks and four bonehead errors.

Up to the fatal sixth, Addi Zimmerman pitched great ball, yielding only one hit and two walks. Irene Tavares started on the mound for the Panthers, but in the third inning she was chased to the showers after she had allowed eight runs.

C. Marques and Irene Pereira shared mound duty from the third inning till the end, and held the Redbirds to three hits and two runs in five innings.

Florie Wong played well at Short-

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Portugal "A" 12, Canada 5. China 9, United States 0.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Wildcats 14, Canadian Chinese 8. Baby Panthers 12, Cardinals 10. Filipinos 22, Pirates 10.

INTER-HONG LEAGUE
Green Spots 27, Kai Tak Civil 7. Lucas 20, China Underwriters 6. Union Insurance 25, Texaco 10.

stop for the Cardinals and made two hits, two runs and stole three bases. Phyllis Gittins and Marie Roza were also outstanding for Cardinals. For the winners L. Guttridge displayed good form at the initial sack.

MANY SQUAWKS

Both teams borrowing players from the Wildcats, the Pirates bowed to the Filipino Gals 22—10 in a game with plenty of squawks on the Umpire's alleged miscalls. Maudie Read commanded the mound for the Pirates and was touched for 14 hits by the Southern girls. Dimanlig was on the mound for the Filipinos and yielded nine bingles. The Pirates played very loose ball, erring nine times afield. Naty Failadona was very outstanding at center-field, for the Filipinos, while Babida and Lucido were very alert at third-base and second-base, respectively.

For the Pirates Maudie Read, as usual, was the most outstanding player, and at bat. Mrs. Stone played a very brilliant game at centre-field, but was unfortunate in the last inning, when she actually caught a fly off her shoe string deep in center-field, but the umpire ruled that the ball was caught on the first bounce and the batter safe at first base!

GREEN SPOTS SWEETEN

In the Inter-Hong League, all three games were one-sided and there isn't much one can say about them. Green Spots sweetened a bit more by giving the Kai Tak Civil aggregation a 27 to 7 wallop. The Flying school lads looked as if they were participating in a blindfold event from the manner in which the Orange Juicers had them running around after the ball. Heavy slugging by Green Spot Sweeties featured the game. Every Green Spot batter made a hit with Ernie Abbas taking honours with the stick by rapping two circuit-clouts during the melee.

Stan Leonard, in spite of his extra flesh, took the limelight in the Windy-Alley, letting nary a ball pass him and for good measure, made two timely hits to bring in five runs.

For the losers, Stanley Lee and Fuster were the only ones who played ball for the Flying School lads. Fuster smacked a homer and helped to keep the score down when he took over the twirling assignment from Lawrence, in the last stages of the game.

The strong Lucas team swamped China Underwriters' Nine 20 to 6. Soares, on the mound for Underwriters, had a trying time holding down the Lucas heavy-sluggers, but to no avail. Lucas chalked up 18 hits including two homers by Nasar. Nasar did not have any trouble on the mound and held the

SINGAPORE CHINESE SOCCER PLAYERS ARRIVE

Poor Refereeing In Manila

The 19 members of the Singapore Chinese Football Association, who have been playing a series of matches in Manila, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon by the Boeing Clipper, all looking very fit and well.

Actually the team is five days ahead of schedule as they were not expected here until the arrival of the China Clipper towards the end of the week.

Several of the players when interviewed, complained of the poor standard of refereeing in Manila and said that almost all infringements classified as dangerous by the Football Association were allowed to go unnoticed!

ALL MANILA BEATEN.

They played all their games in the evening under artificial lighting. Their best game was against the All Manila side whom they defeated by two clear goals in a very fast encounter.

The team members are being accommodated at the St. Francis Hotel.

Lee Wai-tong, South China Athletic Association skipper, Mr. Mok Ying, S.C.A.A. soccer manager and other committee members of the Chinese club were at Kai Tak to welcome the players.

Mr. John Then, the player-manager of the visiting team, was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Lee Wai-tong as soon as he left the Clipper.

ENGLAND XI FOR HAMPDEN PARK

London, To-day. The following will represent England against Scotland at Hampden Park, Scotland, on April 15: Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolves) and Hapgood (Arsenal) (Captain); Willingham (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolves) and Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke); G. Hall (Spurs); Lawton (Everton); Goulden (Manchester City) and Brook (Manchester City).—Reuter.

London Bid For World Weight Title Fight

San Juan (Puerto Rico), (By Air Mail) —Mr. Johnny Best, the Harringay promoter, wants to match Peter Kane, the British holder of the world's fly-weight championship, with the winner of the world bantam-weight championship between Sixto Escobar, the holder, and K. O. Morgan, of Detroit, which takes place here on April 2.

Mr. Best has cabled asking the winner to name his terms as quickly as possible after the fight for a trip to England to defend his title against Kane in an open-air contest in London on Derby Day, May 24.

opposition to three messy hits. Union Insurance beat Texaco greasers quite easily. Remedios, of the Union, hit three homers off at second base. Willie Rapley pitched four-bagger and played a good game ley also hit a homer.

Schmidt, of Texaco, clouted a Frank Lason's pitching. Willie Rapley good ball for the insurers and received good support from the fielders. Frank Lason twirled very badly for the losers, being knocked all over the lot.

THEY SAY--OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS

The variety halls have had their fight against broadcasting. Now the Boxing Board and those connected with boxing have to study how to deal with television. I say that used wisely it can help rather than hurt boxing.—Norman Hurst.

In demonstrating the utter futility of these limitless Tests, the South African players have already done cricket a service, if the game's rulers take their lesson to heart. They will do another service by winning the match, and so giving further proof that the toss is the all-important factor in matches played to a finish.—London Evening News writer.

I don't pretend to know what all the bother has been about Doherty, Manchester City's £10,000 forward, or why he has been urged to run with his elbows out, which would bring him into unfair contact with an opponent. But it seems that referees are not going to let Doherty's opponents get overnear him. Nearly every time Doherty fell over, a foul was given against Fulham, and in my opinion half of them should not have been given.—A writer in the London Evening News.

Aussie's Davis Cup Team Of 4

One Month's Training Before Departure

Melbourne, (By Air Mail). No fifth player will be sent with the Australian Davis Cup team this year. This decision has been made by the Australian Lawn Tennis Association.

The members of the team—Harry Hopman (captain and manager), John Bromwich, Adrian Quist, and Jack Crawford—will have a month's serious training before leaving Australia for America, and will train regularly on board ship.

Now that Donald Budge has turned professional Australia are

WORLD'S FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Peter Kane, of Lancashire (Eng.), was voted the world's flyweight titleholder at a meeting of the New York Boxing Writers' Association, held at Jack Dempsey's restaurant, Little Dado, who is recognised as the titleholder in California, was voted number one challenger.

confident of winning the cup for the first time for 20 years.

In order to conserve their energy for this task they will not compete at Wimbledon this summer.

The greatest asset to a Rugby team nowadays is an expert goal-kicker, which seems a sad commentary on more than 100 years of Rugby Union football "progress." — A Sporting Chronicle writer.

In an English football club's office are hanging six stockings gashed by the studs of opposing boots. These stockings are just the evidence the authorities require to aid them in their campaign to clear out the foul players. They are, as I have previously stated, waiting to "get them"—and when they are arraigned on a definite charge they will go out. The players who offend are known, and I suggest that the authorities should specially choose referees, strong disciplinarians, to control matches in which they appear. They have done this in isolated cases, and the trouble that was feared never occurred.—Frank M. Carruthers.

There should be some competitive link between English and Scottish football teams. Whether by a merger embracing all the First Division of the Scottish League (and this deserts Scottish Second Division), I leave the legislators to solve. The time has come when it is their duty, in both countries, to look into it. Is Scotland satisfied with its League? Is this the best both countries can do? If not a League fusion, what about the F.A. Cup—again widely-enough named to admit Scots clubs. Aren't Welsh teams in it? Hasn't Cardiff won it? The Cup, however, is healthy enough. It is the League that needs attention.—Ivan Sharpe.

Heaps of players go through their Rugby careers, and even into internationals, and have never read a rule in their lives. Their blissful ignorance in no way affects their Rugby.—A Daily Record writer.

BOXING CONTROL BOARD AND NEW YORK COMMISSION

Working Agreement Now Regarded As Void

(By AIR MAIL)

It was learned that on February 10 the British Boxing Board of Control wrote to the New York State Athletic Commission regretting the Commission's decision regarding the Board's suspension of Tommy Farr, and giving thirty days' notice of the Board's intention to abrogate the working agreement between the two bodies.

"That notice has expired, and the agreement must be regarded as void," said Mr. Charles F. Donmall, secretary of the Board, "but I am surprised that the New York State Athletic Commission have disclosed the matter, because we have not yet received any reply to our letter."

The New York Commission refused to suspend Farr after he had been suspended by the Board in accordance with the agreement.

UNTIL HE PAYS

Farr has been matched by Mr. Sydney Hulls with Red Burman at Harringay on April 13, but, according to the British Boxing Board of Control, he is under suspension until he pays \$750, the fine imposed on him by the Board for alleged breach of contract for a fight with Max Schmeling in 1937. The Board ordered that the fine be paid to Mr. Hulls, who had arranged the contest, and the Board are insisting that the fine be paid through them.

Mr. C. F. Donmall, secretary to the Board, said: "The suspension cannot be lifted until Farr himself has paid the full sum—which amounts to \$760 10s—into the Board's offices. I told Mr. Hulls this before he left for America."

Farr, interviewed at Toypandy, where he is training for the fight, said: "The fight with Burman is on. I have paid Sydney Hulls, and I am leaving him to settle with the Board."

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SIR PELHAM WARNER AND WICKET PROBLEM

(By AIR MAIL)

ENGLAND'S MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE, UNPARALLELED IN THE HISTORY OF THE GAME, IN THE FINAL SOUTH AFRICAN TEST MATCH, HAS EVOKED NOTHING BUT ADMISSION FROM LEADING CRICKETERS AND OFFICIALS, WHO ARE FULL OF PRAISE FOR ENGLAND'S "CRICKET MIRACLE" IN GETTING SO NEAR TO VICTORY IN FACE OF A TASK OF MAKING 696 IN THE LAST INNINGS.

This phenomenal Test will probably go down to history as "Edrich's match." The way in which the Middlesex batsman, who will attain his 23rd birthday on Sunday week, forced his way back to form after the most heartbreaking experiences in Test cricket, has already excited the admiration of cricket enthusiasts. In hitting a double century he has confirmed the faith always held in him by his captain, and by Sir Pelham Warner and others.

Sir Pelham Warner, former chairman of Test selectors, said: "First of all I must praise the whole England team. They made one of the greatest fighting efforts the game has ever known. It is a great pity that a definite result could not be reached, but the team must catch the boat.

RASH TALK

"There is a lot of rash talk about timeless Tests, but they are making the game more a test of endurance. Personally I would like to see five-day Tests in England and six-day matches in Australia and South Africa. It seems that the character of the play in these matches has changed in recent years, and that many batsmen disregard their natural methods for unnecessary caution. In addition, the wickets are much too good. I am told that those in South Africa this winter have been marvellously perfect.

This problem of wickets is undergoing careful consideration, and I think that before the summer a definite move will be made to make the fight between bat and ball more even."

WICKETS TOO GOOD

Sir Stanley Jackson (President, Yorkshire C.C.C., and a former England player)—"England's effort in the last innings was astounding. It has not been a very satisfactory match, and it naturally makes everybody interested in cricket think, as to what is the best thing to do as regards what are known as limitless Test matches. The feelings, as far as I can judge, of people in this country, is very definitely against matches without some limit."

Frank Chester, the famous umpire—"It is a remarkable achieve-

Gains & His Remarkable Boxing Career

Records show that Larry Gains, who unsuccessfully fought Len Harvey for the British Empire title at Harringay Arena has occupied a prominent place in boxing for thirteen years. He first gained public attention when he knocked out Max Schmeling in two rounds at Cologne in 1926. He then proceeded to establish himself at the top of British heavyweight boxing. In 1930 he knocked out Phil Scott in two rounds at Leicester and beat Don McCorkindale for the British Empire heavyweight championship the following year at the Albert Hall.

In 1932 at the White City, Gains defeated Primo Carnera in fifteen rounds, just a few months before the giant Italian won the heavyweight championship of the world. In the next four years he met every fighter of note in the heavyweight division. He knocked out Jack London in two rounds in 1933, defeated Obie Walker in 1935 at Leicester, and beat Maurice Strickland in 1936.

'BLIGHTING INFLUENCE OF TIMELESS TESTS'

Notts Chairman Speaks His Mind

(By AIR MAIL)

THE "BLIGHTING INFLUENCE OF THE TIMELESS TEST MATCH" WAS DENOUNCED BY MR. DOUGLAS MCRAITH, CHAIRMAN OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THAT BODY IN NOTTINGHAM.

"We see too many batsmen playing in a county match as though it were to last a week instead of three days," he said. "Batsmen affected by the blighting influence of the timeless Test match; half volleys patted back to the bowler as though too deadly to be dealt with."

Mr. Mcraith declared something must be done to restore support at county matches in face of other attractions. In his opinion there was only one method—brighter cricket.

"There were times when caution was justified," he added; "but there was no justification for a dead bat to be presented to the ball on perfect and easy wickets as was frequently the case to-day."

PUBLIC SUPPORT

He thought that if some effort was not made to bring back the public, county club finances would not be able to bear the strain. Old clubs would disappear, and the championship would be reduced in a generation to half the number of counties playing to-day.

In an effort to economise the Nottinghamshire Committee had decided that in 1940 they would play one fewer county match, and were also discarding their annual fixture with Cambridge University. This would mean a saving of £300 a year.

Major T. Barber, D.S.O., chairman of the Notts County Council, was elected the new president of the club, in succession to Sir Julien Cahn.

ment to get so close, but really these wickets are too good. There is no doubt about that."

ONE IN EACH COUNTRY!

Herbert Sutcliffe (Yorkshire and England opening batsman)—"It proves that we did not go in to bat without tails down. They set about their terrific task in a magnificent manner, and it just shows what can be done. Perhaps in the next series of Tests they will play one innings in England and another in South Africa."

Pat Hendren (Middlesex and England)—"What an exciting finish to the tour! We had a similar experience in the West Indies in 1930. Hammond's team have done wonders against heavy odds."

FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Wales Beat Ireland At Wrexham

RESULT FLATTERS WINNERS

(By AIR MAIL)

Wales defeated Ireland at Wrexham by 3 goals to 1 in the 53rd match of the series, but on the whole the result flattered Wales, for although the visitors took their chances with more accurate shooting, Ireland put up a splendid fight in a skilfully-fought game. The forwards were generally superior to the opposing defences.

The outstanding player on the field, and certainly the best inside man, was Doherty (Manchester City), for Ireland. Cumner, at outside-left for Wales, impressed with much admirable work, but Bryn Jones lacked sparkle. Tom Jones made a resourceful and confident pivot.

The official attendance was 23,997, and the receipts £1892.

GLORIOUS PASS

Wales were the dominant side in the early stages, and Cumner scored their opening goal after seven minutes. Bryn Jones gave him a glorious pass, and the Arsenal left-winger dribbled goalwards. Breen ran out to foil him, but the ball ran through his legs and into the net, only inches on the correct side of the post.

After 15 minutes, Ireland equalised. The home defence were caught unawares, and Milligan drove hard into the net with a rising shot. Five minutes later, Glover, from Cumner's corner kick, headed a second goal for Wales. Glover had the Irish goal at his mercy, but his shot was wide, and Poland saved a fast shot by Stevenson.

The first thrill in the second half came when Poland met a terrific drive from Doherty with a double-fisted parry. Ireland frequently got within the danger zone, but in a Welsh raid, Dearson, after cleverly manoeuvring, shot for goal, and before Breen could reach the ball, Boulter dashed up and netted. The Welshmen thus increased their lead after 62 minutes, though it must be said Ireland hardly deserved to be in arrear to this extent.

The Irish goalkeeper had plenty of work in the closing stages. Butler was conspicuous in repelling one assault, and Jones (T. G.) was luckily in the way of a dangerous drive from Milligan.

COUNTY CRICKET

Gloucester's Move For Faster Wickets

Gloucester County Cricket Club are taking steps to improve the wickets at Bristol, which, states the annual report, have been a source of considerable anxiety.

An analysis of specimen turfs by an expert from the Royal Agricultural College has shown that an undue proportion of organic matter was the cause of the lifeless pitches, and special treatment is being carried out which, it is hoped, will improve the nature of the soil, and result in faster wickets.



MOVE TO MAKE WICKETS FASTER

Sydney (By Air Mail).

A big effort to speed up wickets in Sydney is to be made by the New South Wales Cricket Association. The authorities of all grounds on which grade cricket is played have been asked for reports from their groundsmen, giving the following information:

1. Methods adopted in preparing wickets; weight of roller; soil used, &c.
2. Opinions on methods of making wickets faster.

Later, it is intended to hold a conference of groundsmen to discuss the matter comprehensively. It is generally agreed that the slow wickets have had their influence on batting, and have resulted in a falling-off in stroke play.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE

The international table now reads:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals
Scotland	2	2	0	0	5	2	4	
Wales	3	2	1	0	9	6	4	
England	2	1	1	0	9	4	2	
Ireland	3	0	3	0	1	12	0	

WALES:—Poland (Wrexham); Turner (Charlton Athletic) and Hughes (Birmingham); Green (Charlton Athletic); Jones, T. G. (Everton) (captain), and Dearson (Birmingham); Hopkins (Brentford); Boulter (Brentford); Glover (Grimsbay Town); Jones, Bryn (Arsenal), and Cumner (Arsenal).

IRELAND:—Breen (Manchester United); Cook (Everton) and Butler (Blackpool); Brolly (Millwall); Leathem (Belfast Celtic); and Weir (Clyde); Cochrane (Leeds United); Stevenson (Everton); Milligan (Birmingham); Doherty (Manchester City); and Brown (Birmingham).

Referee—Dr. A. W. Barton (Repton).

**'The Thin Red Line'
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London Relays**

Today's Wireless

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—George Formby, Gracie Fields and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

Cotton—Fox-Trot (from 'Cotton Club Parade')...Duke Ellington & His Orchestra with Vocal by Ivy Anderson.

George Formby Medley. Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fanlight Fanny...George Formby (Comedian) with His Ukulele and Orch.

Twelfth Street Rag—Fox-Trot; Awful Sad—Fox-Trot...Duke Ellington & His Orchestra.

I Think What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley & Lyman); Like The Big Pots Do (Long)...Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orch.

East St. Louis Toodle-Oo; Rockin' Chair—Fox-Trot...Duke Ellington & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

ther Report.

1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 1. Intro: Dancing with my Shadow; June in January; What a little Moonlight can do; I've got an invitation to a Dance; Blue Moon; Easter Parade.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 5. Intro: When I grow too old to Dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; In the Merry Month of May; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes.

1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Dance Music. Waltz—I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles...The Green Brothers' Marimba Band with Vocal Chorus.

Fox-Trots—Xylophonia; Lady Of Madrid...Joe Green (Xylophone) and Milt Herth (Organ).

1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the

Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Rotarian M. F. Mey, O.B.E. Subject: "Mass Inspiration": An account of a Rotary Convention.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) Garden of the Moon; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Foolin' Myself; (d) When you're smiling.

6.14 p.m.—Record: Clownerie Swing (Azarola); Rumba Acrobatische (Azarola)...Azarola at the Piano.

6.21 p.m.—(a) Who are we to say; (b) I've got a picketful of dreams; (c) Music for Sweethearts; (d) Rhythmic Excursion.

6.35 p.m.—Records: Bojangles Of Harlem (film 'Swing Time'); A Fine Romance (film 'Swing Time')...Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Jimmy Green's Orchestra. Schon Rosmarin (Kreisler)...Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano.

6.44 p.m.—(a) Stolen Heaven; (b) Wacky Dust; (c) Don't let that moon get away; (d) East Side Kick.

6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7 p.m.—London Relay—'The Thin Red Line'. The Royal Welch Fusiliers. This year the Royal Welch Fusiliers celebrates the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. In this programme listeners will hear of the many engagements in which the Fusiliers have fought with distinction, and of the regiment's privileges and traditions. Production by T. Rowland Hughes.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—'Love Needs a Waltz'. A Radio Operetta. Book and Lyrics by James Dyrenforth. Music by K. Leslie-Smith.

9 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels. True Till Death (Scott Gatty); Whisper And I Shall Hear (Piccolomini) Soloist: John Duncan.

Love, Could I Only Tell Thee (Bingham-Capel)...conducted by Leslie Woodgate with Herbert Dawson at the Organ.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Oliver Bean's Adventure'. A dramatic sketch by Burgess Meredith. Scene: A test studio of a large motion picture company. Produced by Barbara Burnham.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Vienna, City Of My Dreams (film 'Heart's Desire'); Let Me Awaken Your Heart (film 'Heart's Desire'); My World Is Gold Because You Love Me (film 'Heart's Desire')...with Orchestra conducted by Idris Lewis.

10 p.m.—London Relay—'The City of London'. 'Mincing Lane' by C. J. Ritchie and 'Billingsgate' by T. S. Dove. Introduced by Alan Ivimey.

10.20 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique" Symphony). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sergei Koussevitsky.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♦ A K 6 7 4
♦ A Q 6 2
♦ A J 9 8

The bidding:
North: Pass
East: Pass
South: 3 NT
West: Pass
North: 4 NT
East: Pass
South: 5 NT
West: Dbl.
North: Pass
East: Pass
South: Pass
West: Pass

To-day's hand was submitted by Mr. J. E. McDonnell of Baltimore, Md., who described the ensuing argument between North and South over the bidding, which he wishes us to analyse.

Taking everything into consideration, we would divide the blame for the 1,100-point penalty equally between the partners since each one had several opportunities to avoid the trouble that eventually struck them. South's contention that his partner should not have opened with three diamonds is correct, for his hand was completely worthless and, besides, this bid is not sufficiently pre-emptive to really shut out. South certainly had to bid three spades on his fine hand, and North should have avoided any future trouble by passing this bid.

We don't blame South for making another try, but we would have preferred our hearts to four notrump. We understand North's feelings at this point. He knew he was in

a hopeless contract and decided to try to make a last desperate effort to play the hand in his suit. Now came the worst bid of the hand—six notrump. Even if North held a completely solid diamond suit, it would prove of no use whatsoever (unless the opponents were kind enough to lead a diamond—certainly a remote possibility).

You were David Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♦ Q J X
♦ X X
♦ X X
♦ A 1 X X X X
Both sides were Vulnerable.

The bidding:
North: Burnstone
South: Jacoby
West: Miser
East: (?)

1♦ 2♦ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. The chances are that in spite of the fact that he is doubled, your partner's diamond suit is fully as good as your clubs, and your Ace of clubs will be one trick for him at diamonds.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for three clubs, 20% for two notrump.

QUESTION NO. 59
Oswald Jacoby is your partner. You hold:

♦ K X X
♦ X X X
♦ A X X X X
♦ Q X X X X

The bidding:
North: Jacoby
South: Miser
West: (?)
East: Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m. 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

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Mainland	Feet.
Taimoshan	8124
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JAPANESE SHOT IN SHA'I STREET

Shanghai, To-day.

A leading member of the Japanese Residents' Association, Mr. A. Makinlo, was shot to-day while riding in a ricksha in Yangtsepoo.

Mr. Makinlo was taken to hospital, where he is lying in a critical condition.

The assailants escaped, and no further details are available at present.

TRAFFIC HELD UP

Japanese gendarmes, aided by S.M.C. police, are carrying out an intensive investigation of the crime.

At the same time, traffic on bridges to the Japanese controlled area are being subjected to intensive searches, resulting in a bad traffic jam.—Reuter.

FEISAL IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Emir Feisal, eldest son of the Saudi-Arabian King, arrived in Paris from London yesterday afternoon for a few days stay in the French capital. It is generally assumed that Emir Feisal will take the advantage of his Paris visit to discuss the conflicting interests of world-powers in the Red Sea and the question affecting the Arabian world with leading French Statesmen.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB LEADER KILLED

London, To-day.

One of the leading Arab Nationalists, Abdul Rahim Haj Ibrahim, was killed in Palestine yesterday.

Abdul Rahim was described in a War Office communiqué in January as being one of the few genuine Arab patriots.—Trans-Ocean.

PRELIMINARY TO DEMANDS ON WARSAW

(Continued from Page 1)

DEEDS NOT WORDS

"When Poland speaks it will be with deeds, not words."

In Berlin, Nazi circles are making great play of the opportunity presented by the anti-German demonstrations in Poland.

The demonstrations, they allege, are not isolated cases, and "have regrettably increased" in the last week or so.

"The demonstrations are part of systematic attempts to undermine German-Polish relations," stated a Wilhelmstrasse official.

PRELIMINARY TO DEMANDS

The official alleged that the Polish police have been given orders to take no action if Germans are attacked.

In Warsaw, it is stated it is quite true that some Germans may have been jostled but that there is no justification for the German agitation.

It is expected in Warsaw, however, that the agitation in Berlin is the preliminary to demands on Poland.

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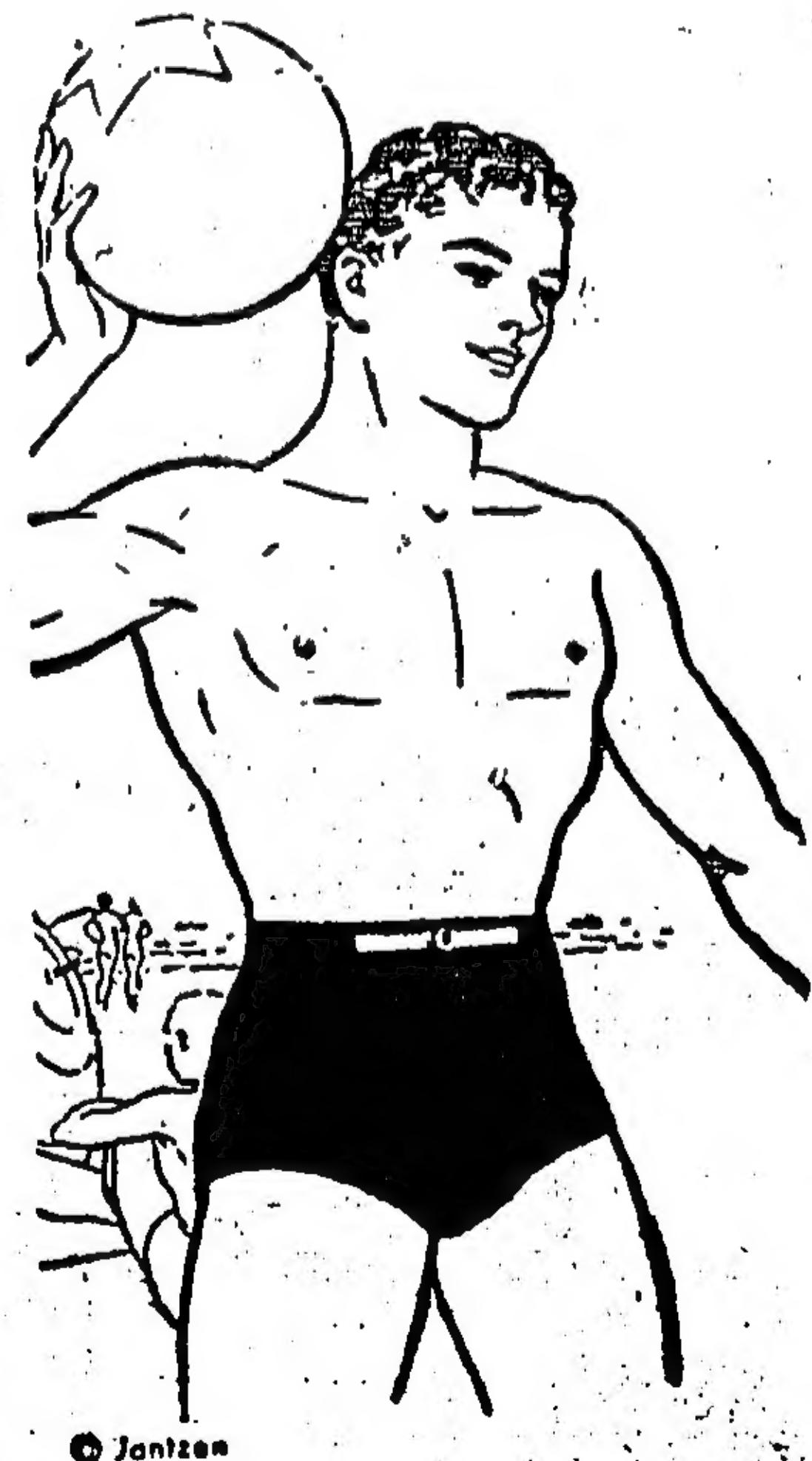
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